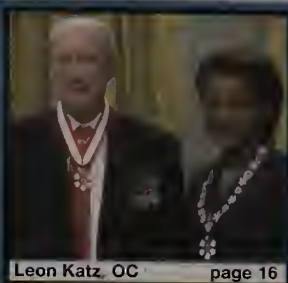


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## Canada provides historic boost to security of Jewish institutions

By Ron Csillag

**TORONTO (JTA)**—In a first for Canada, the federal government is spending on security for Jewish institutions.

The funding, which includes nine Jewish community institutions, synagogues and schools in Ontario and Alberta, was announced March 7 by Stockwell Day, minister of public safety.

The \$216,000 in grants to Jewish groups are the first announced under the \$3 million, two-year Security Infrastructure Pilot Program established by Canada's Conservative government last summer to help minority communities combat hate crimes.

The funds are intended to deter hate-motivated acts and help Jewish facilities defray the cost of security measures such as surveillance cameras, lighting, alarm and intercom systems, gates and fences and security training.

It represents the first time a government in Canada has allocated public money for the protection of vulnerable ethnic or religious minorities.

"I know what it's like to visit a Jewish community where not just heartbreaking but outrageous things are written on the walls,

where windows are broken or far worse, where fires have taken place," Day said at a small gathering of Jewish leaders in Thornhill, north of Toronto.

"And these are realities which grip our hearts."

Jewish communities across Canada have been advised to review security measures in the wake of threats from Hezbollah following the February 12 assassination of arch-terrorist Imad Mughniyeh in Damascus.

The new funds will provide a total of \$81,722 to four Toronto-area Jewish community organizations: the Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Shaar Shalom Synagogue and the Toronto Cheder.

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa will receive \$74,100.

Other recipients include Beth Ezekiel Synagogue in Owen Sound, which will receive \$3,050; the Calgary Jewish Academy, \$18,601; Congregation House of Jacob-Mikveh Israel in Calgary, \$4,475; and the Chevra Kadisha Chapel in Edmonton, \$34,117.

A Muslim group in Brantford, Ontario and a Sikh organization

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MPs John Baird (Ottawa West-Nepean) and Pierre Poilievre (Nepean-Carleton) visit the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building on the Jewish Community Campus to present the Jewish Federation of Ottawa with a cheque for the federal government's contribution to enhancing campus security under the Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Pilot Program. (Left to right): Jonathan Freedman, Federation chair; Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka, Canadian Jewish Congress co-president; Environment Minister John Baird; MP Pierre Poilievre; and Mitchell Bellman, Federation president and CEO.

(OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

## New program to develop leaders in Russian Jewish community

By Barry Fishman,  
Editor Emeritus

For years, Federations and other Jewish agencies have struggled to integrate Russian Jews into the community. The results, to say the least, have been mixed. Many of the more than 2,000 Jews from the former Soviet Union living in Ottawa have little to do with the organized community.

In the past, programs offered never seemed to provide a way for Russian Jewish immigrants to get involved in the community or give

them the tools and skills they need to become leaders. But, thanks to a new pilot program from Jewish Immigrant Aid Service Canada (JIAS), that may be about to change.

The idea for the program, says Mira Voihanski, executive director of JIAS Canada, came from Federations and other Jewish organizations, disappointed – despite the amount of money and time invested – with the lack of participation by Russian Jews in the Jewish community.

"We felt something needed to be done to develop leadership in the

Russian Jewish community, to help build and enhance their community, and to then try to bridge the leadership of the émigré community with the existing organized Jewish community," Voihanski says.

The pilot program will take place in Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver. Jewish Family Services (JFS) will be responsible for the program in Ottawa.

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union come from countries that were, and arguably still are,

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## Warman and Freedman discuss their fights against hatred

By Michael Regenstreif

Education and legal enforcement are both valid means of combatting forms of hatred like anti-Semitism and racism according to activists Rubin Friedman and Richard Warman. The pair recently discussed their complementary approaches at an edition of the *Philosopher's Café* at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

Warman, a former member of the Canadian Human Rights Commission, is the Ottawa lawyer who has been leading the battle against the dissemination of anti-Semitism and other forms of hatred via the Internet. He has filed 15 complaints with the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal about Internet hate sites which have, to date, resulted in websites being shut down in nine of those cases.

Friedman, who has worked with several Jewish organizations, gives training seminars on hate crimes and minority relations to police officers and other officials and is the co-ordinator of the new anti-racism project of Jewish Family Services (JFS) charged with training social workers and others who work with immigrant communities. Friedman also writes a humour column for the *Ottawa Jewish Bulletin*.

"Law enforcement is only one tool" in combatting hatred in society, said Friedman, who spoke first, adding that other strategies need to be developed and utilized because "much of what happens [in terms of prejudice and prejudicial behav-



Richard Warman (left) and Rubin Friedman discuss strategies for combatting hatred in society at the SJCC's *Philosopher's Café*. (OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

our) doesn't cross the line" into criminality. Those other strategies, he added, are aimed at achieving "common standards we can all aspire to" via educational programs and awareness campaigns.

Friedman said the JFS anti-racism project was created after it became evident that frontline immigrant aid workers, many of whom come from immigrant communities, may be burdened by biases and prejudices brought with them from their countries of origin.

"We have to deal with the workers' prejudices," he said, so that they, in turn, will have the tools they

need to help immigrants they serve in adapting to Canadian society.

JFS, said Friedman, is mandated to train all frontline immigrant workers in the Ottawa area.

Warman said he became concerned in the 1990s that hate groups were learning to use the Internet to spread their messages and was inspired to act.

"Early on, the neo-Nazis realized the potential of using the Internet" as a tool to spread their hate messages.

He said his efforts in shutting down hate sites were initially inspired by Sabrina Citron, a Holo-

caust survivor who, as a private citizen, pursued Holocaust-denier and hate propagandist Ernst Zundel in the Canadian court system.

Warman has pursued hate site proprietors under Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act, which forbids the use of the Internet (and other communications systems) "to expose a person or persons to hatred or contempt by reason of the fact that that person or those persons are identifiable on the basis of a prohibited ground of discrimination."

"I found the law waiting to be used," said Warman, adding that among the targets of the hate sites

he has worked to shut down are Jews, blacks, Muslims, gays and lesbians and Rastafarians.

Warman said the key to his success in using legal remedies to shut down hate sites is that "I take great care to do my homework."

For his efforts, Warman was honoured last year by the Canadian Jewish Congress with the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award.

However, Warman's crusade against Internet hate sites has not been without a price.

"I've spent about \$30-50,000 of my own money over the years," he said. "My day job pays for my night job."

Warman has also been subjected to threats of death and other forms of violence and harassment.

He has also faced ridicule from columnists Ezra Levant and Mark Steyn, who regard any effort to stifle any kind of speech - even hate-mongering - as an affront to freedom. Warman said he currently has a defamation suit pending against Levant for his comments.

Recently, both Levant and Steyn have been subjected to human rights complaints brought forward by members of the Muslim community. The complaints, regarded by many commentators to be frivolous, were launched against Levant because he published the infamous Danish cartoons depicting the Muslim prophet Mohammed, and against Steyn and *Maclean's* magazine for publishing an excerpt of Steyn's book, *America Alone*, pertaining to radical Islam.

## Day announces funding for enhanced security

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in British Columbia will also receive funds. They and the Jewish groups were chosen from 100 applicants.

To be eligible, organizations had to show they were part of a community with a demonstrated history of being victimized by hate crimes.

The grants are on a cost-sharing basis, meaning recipients will have to match the amounts either dollar-for-dollar or with in-kind contributions such as labour, equipment or expertise.

"We will have more than just laws and enforcement," Day said. "We will have preventative means."

The UJA Federation of Greater Toronto will invest more than \$3 million in Jewish community

security over the next three years.

"Over the past five years, there has been a significant increase in the resources needed to secure our community," Doron Horowitz, the Toronto federation's community security director, said in a statement.

Canadian Jewish Congress CEO Bernie Farber said it is "incumbent" on the government "to see that vulnerable communities are protected."

The district of Thornhill, where Day's announcement was made, was identified last year as a key area in the Conservatives' strategy to woo minorities.

It is Canada's "most Jewish" district, with about 40 per cent Jews. Conservatives are eager to unseat the current Liberal MP there.

## Federation security grant largest received by any Jewish institution

By Michael Regenstreif

The \$74,100 grant, received by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa under the federal department of public safety's Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Pilot Program, was the largest single grant awarded to Jewish institutions in Canada under the program.

Mitchell Bellman, Federation president and CEO, told the *Bulletin* that the Federation applied for the grant on behalf of the Jewish Community Campus at Nadolny Sachs Private. Among the facilities on the campus are the Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building - which includes the Soloway Jewish Community Centre - Hillel Academy and Hillel Lodge.

Bellman cited a policy of not discussing specific security enhancements that are planned for the campus, but said, "There are an array of options available to make the facilities more secure."

He said he expects the work will begin by spring and that "the enhancements will be noticeable."

Under the terms of the program, organizations being funded must match the federal contribution. So the amount to be spent on enhancing campus security will total at least \$148,200.

Bellman said the campus is a safe environment and there have been no specific threats in the weeks since Hezbollah threatened to export terror attacks to Jewish communities around the world.

"We're in regular contact with all levels of police authorities, who would share intelligence should any such threat arise," he said.

Environment Minister John Baird, MP for Ottawa West-Nepean, and fellow MP Pierre Poilievre, Nepean-Carleton, visited the campus on March 12 to present the federal government cheque to the Federation.

"This is a great step towards ensuring that communities at risk are able to provide safe and welcoming environments for their members," said Baird. "We are fortunate to enjoy the peace and safety that Canada has to offer, but, occasionally, there are attacks on our freedoms. This project will help ensure a greater sense of security to ethnic and religious communities."

The government, Poilievre added, "has heard the concerns of community organizations like the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and is stepping up to address those concerns with real dollars."

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## Michael Poliwoda joins Hillel Lodge

Michael Poliwoda has been appointed director of development for the Hillel Lodge Long Term Care Foundation.

Born in Israel and raised in Toronto, Poliwoda came to the region to manage a capital campaign for a small hospital in the Ottawa Valley. While here, he says

he fell in love with the area and, when the time came to move on to the next assignment, he decided to make Ottawa his home.

For the past nine years, Poliwoda has worked as a consultant with several national and international fundraising firms and has been involved in successful

campaigns for several hospitals and a long-term care facility. It was his positive experiences in the Ottawa area and his interest in healthcare that led him to the Lodge.

"For both personal and professional reasons, I find working in healthcare extremely rewarding," he

said. "I'm very excited about being a part of the Jewish community in Ottawa and look forward to getting to know the wonderful people who make up this close-knit community. Being from Toronto, it's refreshing to live in a city with a competitive hockey team."

Poliwoda holds a BA in English Literature from the University of Toronto, a certificate in fundraising and volunteer management from George Brown College and a TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) certificate from the Toronto Board of Education.

## Project aims to integrate Russian Jews into the community

(Continued from page 1) anti-Semitic. Countries where identifying as a Jew, or celebrating Jewish holidays with fellow Jews, was frowned on and, at times, could be dangerous.

"The issue becomes how to grapple with those people who have poor self image because of the cultural background they came from," says Mark Zarecki, executive director of JFS.

Because they come from such a secular environment, many Jews from former Soviet countries don't feel comfortable with the outreach provided by religious groups, Zarecki believes.

"Those are the ones we have to try and reach. Their Jewish needs haven't been addressed in any real way," he insists.

Voihanski agrees. "We will develop a curriculum that meets the needs of Russian-speaking Jews coming from their different culture and different mentality," she says.

Russian-speaking Jews,

who have been in Canada for 10 years or more and who are interested in taking on volunteer leadership roles, will be asked to take part in the program.

The goal of the project is to foster leadership in the Jewish Russian-speaking community, to integrate them into leadership roles in the Jewish community and, most importantly, sensitize Jewish community organizations to issues of diversity in order to help eliminate the systemic barriers that exist for Russian-speaking Jews.

Voihanski is aiming to have those taking the leadership seminars do internships with the Federation, the Soloway Jewish Community Centre, schools and other Jewish organizations, and to create self-help

groups that will build a community of Russian-speaking Jews to celebrate holidays together, to learn about and contribute to the Federation and to support Israel.

"Israel is extremely important to Russian Jews," she says. "Doing things together with the local community in terms of supporting Israel and being more politically active," are some of the goals of the program.

Voihanski is hoping the end result will be a more welcoming attitude by Jewish organizations and that Russian-speaking Jews will become more involved in the community - especially in leadership roles.

Interestingly, much of the seed money for the program is coming from Russia. A number of wealthy

Jewish Russians have put together a fund, called Genesis, which supports Jewish identity in Russia, North America, Germany and Israel.

"They are concerned about Jewish continuity and have recognized that this is a major problem for those who emigrated, and they want to look at ways of helping them retain their Judaism," notes Zarecki.

"They realize what has been done until now is not enough and they want to do more," adds Voihanski.

The total cost to run the pilot project in the three cities is \$373,000. As a condition of the grant, JFS must raise \$50,000.

For more information on the program, or to make a donation, contact Mark Zarecki at 613-722-2225.



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# Rabbi Kushner receives Jewish Book Council Lifetime Achievement Award

By Ben Harris

NATICK, Mass. (JTA) – At 72, Rabbi Harold Kushner, the best-selling author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, leads a life that most of his rabbinic colleagues can only dream of.

Having left the full-time rabbinate more than two decades ago, his days are largely spent writing and lecturing – or as he put it recently, doing the rabbi stuff he enjoys and leaving the rest to others.

"I feel very blessed," Rabbi Kushner told JTA in an interview conducted on a chilly March afternoon in the rabbi's study of Temple Israel – the Conservative synagogue in this Boston suburb where he arrived as a young rabbi in 1956 – the day before he travelled to New York to receive the Jewish Book Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

But the author of more than a half-dozen books, several of them best-sellers, is not without regrets – a topic he addresses in his most recent book, *Overcoming Life's Disappointments*, published in 2006.

Asked about his own misfortunes, Rabbi Kushner cited his son's early death and having the woman he wanted to marry choose someone else. He also recalled losing out on the pulpit of a larger congregation.

Rabbi Kushner told a story about a Protestant minister who spent his career waiting for his colleagues to die or be caught in a scandal so he could take over their church. The minister, who worked in a working-class community, had grown to resent his congregants whom he saw as emblematic of his own failure to move up in the world.

"That was an eye-opening story for me because I saw a certain amount of myself in that," Rabbi Kushner said. "Maybe without the jealousy, without wishing ill to my colleagues, because I was happy where I was. But there was a sense that I didn't really appreciate the people here. I've come to appreciate them more, to be much more sensitive to the things that hurt them."

Sensitivity to the hardships of others is a hallmark of Rabbi Kushner's writing, which first gained acclaim after the publication of his second and best-known book, *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*, a meditation on human suffering inspired by his son's death at 14 from a rare genetic illness.

He has gone on to author more than a half-dozen other books, several of them best-sellers, and was an editor of the Conservative movement's 2001 *Etz Hayim* Torah commentary. In 1999, he was named clergyman of the year, and, in 2004, he read from the book of Isaiah at the state funeral of Ronald Reagan.

Long popular in Christian circles, Rabbi Kushner has been seen as more of a mixed blessing among more traditional Jews.

He says he gets a better reception from Mormons than from Orthodox Jews, and it's



Rabbi Harold Kushner

not hard to see why. Rabbi Kushner sees the world through the prism of human needs and, if that means taking liberties with Jewish theology to make people feel better, he's more than willing.

"I always thought Judaism was at its best when it not only looked at text, but when it looked at people," he said.

Rabbi Kushner committed his gravest offence, as the Orthodox see it, in *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*. He laboured to reconcile the twin Jewish beliefs in God's omnipotence and his benevolence with the reality of human suffering, ultimately sacrificing the former to salvage the latter.

Rabbi Kushner's God is limited in his ability to control the random hazards of life that result in tragedy on a widespread and a smaller scale, like the Holocaust and the death of a child.

It is a view that runs afoul of traditional Jewish teaching about God.

The Orthodox, who, Rabbi Kushner says, feel obliged to defend every writing by an Orthodox rabbi, accuse him of propounding un-Jewish ideas. Among the top Google hits for "Harold Kushner" is an article from an Orthodox website titled *Why Harold Kushner is Wrong*.

Remarkably, Rabbi Kushner himself concedes the point, acknowledging that he may be wrong about God. But drawing on the thousands of letters he has received over the years from grateful readers, the vast majority of them non-Jewish, he maintains that his writing has helped restore faith, return people to prayer and permit them to heal.

"I don't know if I'm correct theologically. I don't know the reality of God," Rabbi Kushner said. "What I do know is my book makes people feel better. It gives them back the ability to go to shul or to church and pray and to believe in God, to believe that God is on their side. It restores to them the legitimacy of out-

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## Do you offer a service to the Jewish community?

The Jewish Federation of Ottawa will soon launch the Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre, an innovative program to answer questions from the Jewish community – about the Jewish community.

To be able to offer the most comprehensive information possible, we are compiling names of individuals and businesses that provide services to our community members.

The InfoCentre will not make referrals or recommendations. Instead, we will offer a list of contacts to the public upon request. There is no charge to be included on these lists.

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## Big Tent Judaism makes sense and works

'Warm' and 'welcoming' are not two words that come immediately to mind when looking outside these days.

Having said that, I confess that I have been reflecting upon whether such words apply to our community and to what extent we have been successful in creating initiatives to achieve the objective, of being warm and welcoming, derived from last year's community symposium.

The symposium clearly identified our community's need to find ways to attract people of all ages, and from all levels of affiliation, including the previously unaffiliated, into our Jewish community life. We recognized the importance of a community that promotes engagement and participation through warmth, vitality and personal fulfillment rather than from a sense of obligation. People need to feel welcomed and accepted regardless of who they are or where they come from.

*Big Tent Judaism* is a concept developed by the Jewish Outreach Institute (JOI). Based in New York City, JOI has been a leader in the development of Jewish community-based outreach programming since 1988 and played a significant role in guiding us through last year's community symposium.

*Big Tent Judaism* takes its lead from our



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biblical forebears, Abraham and Sarah, who ensured that their tent was open on all four sides so as to welcome all who approached from any direction.

According to JOI, individuals and organizations that practise *Big Tent Judaism* seek to engage, support and advocate for all those who reach out to the Jewish people, regardless of prior knowledge or background. While it may appear to be a somewhat simplistic approach, it makes sense and it works.

Are we doing the same thing?

For example, look at the huge steps taken by those converting to Judaism, a path that is never easy. When someone converts to Judaism, they not only embrace our religious belief system, but other aspects of our culture and our community. How receptive and responsive are we to those who take this leap of faith?

Ruth is the quintessential convert in the

Bible and her most famous quote is, "for wherever you go, I shall go ... your people shall be my people and thy God my God." Isn't this the essence of truly joining one's future with the past?

I believe that to maintain a strong community, we must be more welcoming to all people: newcomers, the unaffiliated, Jews-by-choice, the marginalized and anyone who wants to participate in the community and its future development.

As a direct outcome of last year's symposium, we will be opening a new door to our community.

*As we look to build more bridges in our community, we need to ensure that all of our efforts attempt to cast a wider and more welcoming net.*

In early April, we will launch the Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre, a central gateway to our community. Its establishment will increase community involvement through centralizing and facilitating accessibility to information about our various community services, our beneficiary agencies and orga-

nizations, and available programming within the community.

The Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre will be located on the upper level of the Soloway Jewish Community Centre where the coordinator, Benita Siemiatycki, will meet and greet all callers and visitors seeking information about the community and/or looking to connect to the community in some way. The Jewish Ottawa InfoCentre has a local phone number, 613-798-4644, and a toll-free long distance number, 1-877-798-4644.

Stay tuned for more information on the opening of this welcome addition to our community.

As we look to build more bridges in our community, we need to ensure that all of our efforts attempt to cast a wider and more welcoming net. We need to be aware of how we treat people who have bound their destiny to ours. Looking at the enormous contribution of talent and energy that many of our newcomers have brought I can only wish that more of them were around and that we will continue to do more to facilitate their involvement.

As we work to build a stronger Jewish community, let us all make sure that we welcome, as family, everyone who expresses an interest in being part of our community, and of our future.

## Nothing disproportionate about Israel's response to missile attacks

There is nothing more frustrating and maddening than seeing reality distorted right before your eyes, by intractable enemies and by others who should know better.

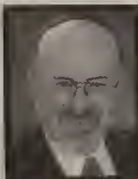
We were once again treated to this absurd thinking after Israel patiently, and in the minds of the people of Sderot, irresponsibly, held back as hundreds upon hundreds of Kassams landed on the people of Sderot, and then Ashkelon.

These attacks came from Gaza, which Israel evacuated, at great pain, as a gesture toward peace. After all the restraint, and the warning, Israel was left with no choice. No government would be as restrained as was Israel as those deadly missiles rained upon its population for a protracted period of time.

Yet Israel was blasted from the usual quarters - Europe and the UN - with the charge that its response was disproportionate. Those saying so would probably have reacted much more harshly and much more quickly had it been their house under siege.

As to being disproportionate, these critics do not dare say what they consider proportionate, because - truth be told - they would prefer that Israel do nothing and just let itself be bombarded. They would shed no tears if Israel disappeared.

Contemplate this. Would it be proportionate for Israel to do exactly what is being done to them - to indiscriminately rain missiles down on the people of Gaza? You can imagine the outrage this would generate. Israel would never do that. Because of the unfairness of such a reaction, Israel targets



### From the pulpit

Rabbi  
Reuven P. Bulka  
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the perpetrators, who force civilians into the combat zones in order to vilify Israel.

As sure as we are that Israel's "proportionate" response would meet with instantaneous condemnation, we are outraged at the silence of the anti-Israel community about the thrusting of missiles into Israel.

This recent series of events was a clear opportunity for Israel's detractors to come clean, a litmus test. This was not a "cycle of violence" matter. Israel had given Gaza away, for the Palestinians to build upon. There was no Israeli provocation that led to the firing of the Kassams. Oh, I forgot, there was a provocation: Israel's existence.

Israel gave away Gaza with high, but, in retrospect, unrealistic, hope that this would usher in an era of peace. Instead, Gaza became just another front in the unrelenting war against Israel: the determined, scandalous, vicious, hate-infused resolve to destroy Israel.

No Kassams, no Israel reaction. That is as true an equation as winter in Ottawa means snow. There are no two rights here, or "on one side and on the other hand." There is no so-called occupation, no precipitant, except

for hate. Anyone who can still criticize Israel, in the face of this reality, should be ashamed, for they are a disgrace to truth and perverters of justice. It is time to stop the diplomatic niceties and call this and other blatantly biased reactions what they are.

Thank God the Government of Canada gets it, understands what is going on, sees the truth clearly and speaks out forcefully. We applaud the Government and are heartened by the vigour of its reaction.

With the wisdom of hindsight, all this points to a painful fact. For a long time, we

have had garbage thrust at us while we've maintained a reasoned, measured, nuanced approach. We have absurdities such as Israel Apartheid Week, sponsored by groups whose human rights records are abysmal at best, and who champion countries in which no Jew is even welcome, let alone treated as an equal.

The time has come to take off the gloves, to fight back with all our vigour in defence of Israel. As Israel celebrates its 60th year of renewal, and we celebrate with them, that is the least we can do.

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## There can be no excuse for revenge terrorism

The massacre, earlier this month, of eight students at the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva in Jerusalem was a heinous act. The students – all but one were just teenagers – were slaughtered as they studied Torah. The lone terrorist, a Palestinian from East Jerusalem, was killed on the scene by an off-duty Israeli soldier.

News reports from Israel after the massacre said the family of the murderer, Ala Abu Dhaim, claimed he was not a member of any terrorist organization. Hamas, the supposedly religious terrorist organization that controls Gaza, denied involvement in the attack, all the while celebrating the killings, just as they celebrate any attack on Jewish Israelis. There were parties in the streets of Gaza with celebratory gunfire and the passing out of sweet treats to children.

What a lesson to teach their children. Go out and kill some Jews and we'll dance in the streets and eat some chocolate.

In the absence of late-breaking evidence that may have come out in the days between the deadline for writing this column and when you'll have the opportunity to read it, it doesn't appear that Hamas was directly involved in the attack.

While sickeningly overjoyed at the result of the act, Hamas probably wasn't



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**Michael Regenstreif**

directly involved as they've never been particularly shy about claiming credit for the terrorist acts they have perpetrated over the years.

In fact, there have been no credible reports of any real terrorist group's involvement in the terrible crime. Maybe he was just a delusional, hate-filled individual with a stockpile of guns.

When delusional, hate-filled individuals have access to guns, innocent people die. We've seen it time and again. Think of Baruch Goldstein, a delusional, Orthodox Jew who hated Arabs and murdered 29 of them and wounded 150 more as they prayed at a mosque in Hebron in 1994.

Closer to home, there was Mark Lepine, yet another hate-filled, delusional individual with a gun. Lepine hated women and killed 14 female engineering students in 1989 at the École Polytechnique in Montreal. How many other such

senseless school shootings have we witnessed in recent years in Canada, in the United States? All committed by hate-filled, delusional individuals with access to guns.

Given the realities of the Middle East, we're quick to assume that every attack against Israeli Jews is the work of an organized terrorist group. An assumption that comes easily because we know there have been so many terrorist attacks perpetrated by such groups.

But, maybe this one was just the work of a delusional individual who lost it like Baruch Goldstein lost it, like Mark Lepine lost it, like so many others have lost it.

I fear that as long as hate-filled, delusional individuals have access to guns, we will see senseless massacres of innocent people.

I'm sure Dhaim's attack was well planned. There are reports that he had stockpiled weapons and had been to the yeshiva as part of his work as a delivery driver in Jerusalem. Whether he acted alone, or was following the orders of puppet masters, he was a terrorist.

Dhaim is dead. In the absence of any evidence that he was part of an organized terrorist group, there is no one to bring to justice for his terrible crime.

However, Israel's Channel One television reported on March 11 that three alumni of Mercaz Harav secretly met with an unnamed rabbi from the yeshiva who encouraged them to seek revenge. The report said two others rabbis endorsed the call to revenge as religiously sound.

A day later, leaflets signed by several rabbis were posted in Jerusalem that called on Jews to extract revenge for the murders at Mercaz Harav by matching them "measure for measure." An Agence France-Presse report said one of the rabbis signing the leaflet was Uzi Sharvaf, "a rabbi who received a presidential pardon in 1985 after being convicted for a 1983 attack on a West Bank university that left three students dead."

Vigilante Jewish terrorists, under the direction or blessing of rabbis, killing innocent Arabs in revenge for the killing of innocent Jews: the thought sickens.

Israel has a democratically elected government, intelligence services, army, police force and justice system to deal with terrorism and terrorists. Given the magnitude of the constant threats, they do a remarkable job. Just as there is no excuse for terrorist attacks against Jews, there can be no excuse for terrorist attacks by Jews.

## You give and give to those kids ... and this is the thanks?

A decade ago, a book called *The Nurture Assumption* shook up the world of developmental psychology.

In it, author Judith Rich Harris argued parents have far less influence on their children's personalities than previously thought; and far less than parents themselves probably imagined.

You pass on genetic material to your kids, sure. And some all-important early learning experiences too.

But when all's said and done and they're all grown up? Sorry mom and dad: It's their peers – not you – who will have had the greatest influence on who your kids turn out to be.

"There are hundreds of books that give advice to parents – books that tell you what you're doing wrong and how to do a better job of raising your kids," Harris wrote.

"Find a good one and it may help to explain why your children behave the way they do when they're at home. My goal is to explain what makes them behave the way they do in the world outside the home – the world where they will spend the rest of their lives."

It's hard news to swallow for a parent. Of course you are the greatest influence on your precious little ones' lives, I hear you protest.

You give and you give and you give to



**Alan Echenberg**

those kids ... and this is the thanks you get?

But on some level, it makes intuitive sense. How many kids do you know who act one way at their own home and a different way at school or at their friends' houses?

Maybe, even your own kids.

Harris relied not on intuition, but on scientific studies, to make her point. For example, evidence shows children of immigrants will adopt the speech patterns and accents of their classmates, rather than those of their parents.

Her sad conclusion for all of us overbearing parents everywhere: The most important influence you will have over your children is not anything you DO in the home, but rather WHERE exactly you make that home. Where you live will govern which peers your kids will grow up with. And that, again, is the single most important factor in determining who they will become.

In my own experience, the proof Harris

may have been on to something came in relation to something I really, really, really wanted to pass on to my kids: my own taste in music.

In a recent online column, a journalist friend of mine wrote of his fear of turning into a "stodgy, judgmental" father, when it came to the musical tastes of the next generation ... of becoming "the kind of dad who, in the '50s or '60s would've declared that Elvis or the Beatles were dangerous."

Sadly, it just may be a case of generational destiny. No matter how cool their parents' musical tastes, it seems as if some kids are hard-wired to be attracted to music that drives mom and dad up the wall.

Their friends like it, though.

My personal moment of truth came after years of feeding the offspring a balanced diet of ... well ... of music from my own collection ... healthy, hearty tunes I assumed they would embrace as their own faves.

The male offspring have gone outside the comforts of the family iPod and instead embraced the rap-meets-metal musical stylings of Linkin Park. They are also keen on the theme songs of more than one professional wrestler.

Even harder to endure is that the youngest offspring, of the pre-school

female variety, listens to the High School Musical 2 soundtrack over and over and over again. And over again once she is done.

On long car trips, sometimes short ones, too, it takes all the willpower I can mustered to restrain myself from shouting, "TURN THAT NOISE OFF!"

OK, sometimes I can't muster the willpower.

And what about the music I want to listen to? The tunes that I painstakingly played for them throughout their young lives in the hopes of fostering some parentally approved musical taste.

Boring, they say.

Darn you, Judith Rich Harris.

There are a few silver linings to this tale. The offspring and I have bridged the generational gap and discovered some common ground.

We all like the White Stripes, for instance. And I like some of their tunes. And they like some of mine.

On long, and short, car trips, the offspring and I have taken to blasting some shared faves and singing along.

Well, not exactly.

I sing along. The offspring, strangely, seem to find me a bit embarrassing at times.

Alan Echenberg is TVOntario's Parliamentary bureau chief.



# Reform rabbis debate officiating at intermarriages

By Sue Fishkoff

(JTA) – About 10 years ago, Rabbi Jerome Davidson of Temple Beth El in Great Neck, N.Y., changed his mind about officiating at interfaith weddings.

After he had officiated at the marriage of two lesbians in 1995, some congregants asked Rabbi Davidson why, if he would bend that far, would he not officiate at their children's weddings to non-Jews?

The criticism hit home.

"I realized that by not being present at certain marriages, I was not doing what I'd been doing for single-sex couples: being there at the creation of a Jewish home," Rabbi Davidson said.

Now he is trying to get his Reform movement to support him.

Last year, Rabbi Davidson brought a resolution to the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), the movement's rabbinical arm. It would have replaced the group's current opposition to rabbinic officiation, in place since 1973, with a policy supporting those rabbis who choose to perform intermarriages in certain clearly defined circumstances.

The resolution never made it to the floor. Some rabbis, including Rabbi Davidson, believed it was just too divisive an issue.

Instead, the rabbinic group created a task force on intermarriage, which will report on its work at this year's convention from March 30 to April 2 in Cincinnati.

A focus on the hot-button issue comes as new research suggests a connection between rabbinic officiation and the level of Jewish commitment among intermarried families.

Those involved say the task force will spend several more years interviewing rabbis and other experts, collecting stories and commissioning research, with the goal of bringing a proposal to the association's 2010 convention.

"I really want my colleagues to consider my position," says Rabbi Davidson, who will only officiate when the non-Jewish spouse is not an adherent of another faith and if the couple commit to building a Jewish home.

Rabbi Davidson says the six or seven couples at whose weddings he officiated are all raising Jewish children.

"If we don't respond, American Jewish life will go on without us and we will be left behind," says Rabbi Davidson, a member of the task force.

Orthodox and Conservative rabbis are barred by their movements from performing intermarriages. The Reconstructionist movement, like the Reform, is formally opposed to the practice, but both leave the decision to the individual rabbi.

Anecdotal evidence suggests that few Reconstructionist rabbis perform intermarriages.

Among Reform rabbis, however, the tide has been shifting steadily for years, to the point where those who do not officiate at

intermarriages feel great pressure to do so – mostly from their own congregations.

Rabbi Howard Jaffe of Temple Isaiah in Lexington, Mass., who hasn't performed intermarriages in his 25 years as a rabbi, says he now feels part of a "beleaguered minority."

Rabbi Jaffe explains his stance in legalistic terms. In Christianity, the priest or minister confers marital status on a couple. In Jewish tradition, the couple marries each other before two witnesses.

On one hand, a rabbi is not needed. On the other hand, such a marriage can only occur between two Jews.

"At the moment when I as a rabbi stand with a couple where one is not Jewish, I would be functioning as a minister, not a rabbi," Rabbi Jaffe says. "I would be bestowing a status that is not mine in Jewish law to bestow."

Most Reform rabbis who do not officiate explain their positions more emotionally.

"I can't do it because of the commitments I've made to Jewish life," says Rabbi Steven Foster of Congregation Emanuel in Denver. "I as an individual am not able to do that which is contrary to Jewish tradition."

Both Rabbi Foster and Jaffe say they never turn away such couples. They work with them before and after the wedding, encouraging them to join a congregation, learn about Judaism and build a Jewish home.

"I tell them it's about me, not them," Rabbi Foster says. "I don't cast judgment on the intermarriage."

He insists that most couples accept his explanation and aren't turned off from Judaism.

Rabbi Jaffe isn't so sure. While he tells such couples that he is happy to work with them before and after the wedding, just one has taken him up on the offer. The others often look to another rabbi.

Little concrete research has been done on the connection between rabbinic officiation at intermarriages and the future Jewish choices

of such couples.

One 2001 study by the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies at Brandeis University found that a rabbi's ongoing attitude toward and support of interfaith couples does more to engage them in Jewish life than whether he or she officiated at their weddings.

Fern Chertok, the senior research associate of that study, says most of the rabbis interviewed did not officiate at intermarriages but took the time to explain their position and welcome the couple actively into the congregation. That made the difference, she said.

Two studies released this month suggest an even closer connection.

One, a study of 149 intermarried couples in four cities conducted by the National Center for Jewish Policy Studies at Hebrew College, found a "statistically sound correlation" between such officiation and eight kinds of Jewish behaviours.

The couples who were married by rabbis or cantors are more likely to be raising their children as Jews (87 per cent) than those married without rabbis or by a rabbi co-officiating with non-Jewish clergy (63 per cent). They also are less likely to belong to a church (2 per cent vs. 26 per cent) and less likely to celebrate Christmas or Easter.

A second study, by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, showed that 54 per cent of intermarried couples who later raise their children as Jews were married by Jewish clergy. In contrast, 80 per cent of intermarried couples who decide not to raise Jewish children had no rabbis officiating at their weddings.

Researchers on both studies emphasize they cannot prove causality, that these couples made Jewish choices because a rabbi married them. But the Hebrew College study showed that the couples themselves believe that a rabbi's willingness or refusal to officiate at their weddings had an effect on their later Jewish choices. One-third of the Jewish

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## Change not imminent on policy

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spouses, for example, said that a rabbi's refusal to marry them distanced the couple from Jewish institutional life.

That's what many Reform rabbis have been intuiting for years.

"The two reports certainly indicate a positive attitude towards rabbis officiating at their marriage ceremonies," says Rabbi Peter Knobel, the president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. "That is not surprising. We've had that kind of anecdotal information for a long time."

It's a big reason more and more are agreeing to officiate at intermarriages, even if they feel torn by the decision.

Rabbi Philip Rice of Temple Micah in Nashville does officiate at intermarriages, but says it's a position he will continue to revisit. He already has retreated from co-officiating with non-Jewish clergy after a minister reneged on a promise not to invoke Jesus during the ceremony.

Still, Rabbi Rice says refusing to officiate sends the wrong message.

"It's difficult for a rabbi not to officiate and then ask the couple to join their synagogue," he says.

InterfaithFamily.com, a



Rabbi Lev Baesh officiates at the wedding of Barbara and Elliot Targum, an intermarried couple.

Boston-based group that helps interfaith families make Jewish choices, is launching a clergy-only discussion and resource-sharing website on for rabbis and cantors, whether they perform intermarriages or not.

Ed Case, the group's president, says there are few if any other such resources.

"The rabbis are left to themselves," he says.

Last year, Case hired Rabbi Lev Baesh as the site's online rabbinic adviser to help interfaith couples find Jewish clergy to marry them.

Rabbi Baesh has nearly 190 rabbis and cantors on his list. Most are Reform, although two have Orthodox ordination.

with Rabbi Baesh, the couple is having "a much more Jewish wedding than we'd expected," Ramos says. And she says his willingness has made Judaism more attractive to her.

"He encouraged us to join a synagogue, and that's something we will want to do," she says. "I think it's important for me, too. I'd like to be involved in my children's lives all around, including their religious upbringing."

At this month's CCAR convention, no decision on rabbinic officiation is expected. The task force on intermarriage has met a handful of times in the past year, according to its chair, Rabbi Charles Kroloff of Temple Emanu-El in Westfield, N.J.

Rabbi Kroloff cautions it is "premature" to predict whether the rabbinic organization will ultimately revise its position. Most Reform rabbis agree that no change is imminent.

"I believe the Zeitgeist is such that we as an organization are not going to make that kind of a step at this point," Rabbi Jaffe says. "But I would not be surprised if by the time I retire in another 13 years or so, there were a resolution to change the status quo."

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## Beth Shalom celebrates 50 years, June 18

# Beth Shalom absorbs one congregation, helps found another

**By Paula Smith**  
**Beth Shalom Congregation**  
 The 1970s brought many important changes to Congregation Beth Shalom. It absorbed the membership of one Ottawa shul and, later, was instrumental in the cre-

ation of another. Beth Shalom was well established as the city's pre-eminent downtown shul when Congregation B'nai Jacob, the James Street shul, which had been founded in Ottawa 60 years before, held its final service on May 31, 1971.

Congregation B'nai Jacob had been formed in 1911 with a *Sefer Torah* rented for \$10 a year and it became a thriving and busy congregation. In 1913, the shul purchased a house where it held services and operated a Talmud Torah for 40 children.

By 1931, Congregation B'nai Jacob was able to put up a shul building on James Street. The shul was always very traditional and the minutes from that time period, both for the board and the sisterhood, were kept in Yiddish. Reverend Sam Schreiber served as both cantor and *shaichet* from the 1930s, while the shul shared the rabbis with Beth Shalom and its predecessor shuls.

However, with the exodus from downtown to the suburbs, membership and revenue declined in the 1960s and an amalgamation committee was formed to explore joining together with another congregation. In 1971, the members of Congregation B'nai Jacob became members of Beth Shalom.

During the 1970s, Beth



1979 Bat Torah Consecration class from Beth Shalom Congregation with Rabbi Saul I. Aranov: (front row from left to right) Cindy Kardash, Donna Polowin; (back row) Selenia Goldberg, Kathryn James, Marjorie Lecker, Jodi Taller.

(Photo courtesy Ottawa Jewish Archives)

Shalom was a busy and active shul community. The sisterhood organized regular Chanukah Balls, Purim parties, picnics, cooking demonstrations and other social activities. A gala 18th anniversary celebration was

held in 1974 and the congregation continued to operate a Sunday morning breakfast club as well as a consecration class for young girls turning 12 or 13.

After one Chanukah Ball, the president of the sister-

hood, Anne Taller, wrote to the board that "the Chanukah Ball was a great social success but not a financial one; it ran a deficit (\$340) due to the free liquor." She asked that the board cover the deficit.

As part of its participation in the larger Ottawa community, Beth Shalom sponsored and cared for an immigrant family from Vietnam, and appeals were made by the board to see if anyone in the congregation could help the family's breadwinner by finding him a job.

The clergy, who had been with Beth Shalom since its beginning, began to retire. After 23 years in Ottawa, Rabbi Simon L. Eckstein left in 1975. Joining Beth Shalom were Rabbi Saul Aranov and renowned Cantor Moshe Kraus.

Then, in 1980, because so many members had moved to the suburbs, the board voted to approve a satellite synagogue for the Craig Henry area. In May 1980, the new Beth Shalom West held its first service at a local high school. Beth Shalom West was deemed to be a success and Beth Shalom nurtured the new congregation from then through to its maturity and eventual independence.



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## Shake hands with the Ottawa Jewish Archives

**By Dawn Logan, Archivist**  
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The OJA were founded in 1984 under the leadership of Shirley Berman and the sponsorship of the Ottawa Jewish Historical Society and are now an agency of the Jewish Federation of Ottawa.

The OJA is only as strong as our collections and we're always looking to add to them. Perhaps you have treasures in your shoe boxes, closets or even safety deposit boxes that might assist with the preservation of local Jewish history. If you have photographs you value, perhaps you'd be willing to loan them to archives for copying.

The archives have recently been an important resource for researching

important anniversaries including the Soloway Jewish Community Centre's 10th and Beth Shalom Synagogue's 50th, as well as other important milestones for Hillel Academy and the Jewish Federation of Ottawa's Women's Campaign. Writers working on the Jewish Ottawa book are regular users of OJA resources.

While the Ottawa Jewish Archives have two part-time employees, Dawn Logan and Laurie Dougherty, a great deal is also done by the much-valued volunteers who come in weekly.

Pat Binder has faithfully helped the archival information process for more than 10 years and she has been joined recently by Estelle Gunner. Gunner has been finding archival records and also sorting material, including much of the archival material about Agudath Israel Congregation. Another volunteer, Miriam Paghis, works behind the scenes at home assiduously translating handwritten Yiddish documents to type-



(Left to right) Volunteer Estelle Gunner with archivists Dawn Logan and Laurie Dougherty at work recently at the Ottawa Jewish Archives.

(OJB photo: Michael Regenstreif)

written English.

Sharon Edelson is another new supporter of the archives. Her interests include collecting and she has been rewarding the archives with documents, photographs and small artifacts of Ottawa businesses

such as Ideal Stationery, Pure Springs and Edelson's Jewellers, to name a few.

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# Facing threats from within and without, Israel offers a grim intelligence estimate

By Leslie Sussner

**JERUSALEM (JTA)** — The terrorist attack at a Jerusalem yeshiva and the new Israeli national intelligence assessment presented recently to the cabinet underscore the acute security problems Israel faces this year and beyond.

The terrorist shooting spree in the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva, which left eight students dead, raised questions about the vulnerability of Jews in western Jerusalem to terrorists emanating from the mostly Arab eastern part of the city. The gunman was from Jabel Mukhaber, a Palestinian village on the south-eastern outskirts of the capital.

While the new intelligence assessment downplayed the risk of war in 2008, it painted a gloomy picture of an Iranian-sponsored missile buildup by Syria, Hezbollah and Hamas. It also said Iran is expected to pass the point of no return on creating a nuclear bomb in 2009.

As if all this were not enough, Israelis had another, more immediate, concern: Did the terrorist attack in Jerusalem herald the start of a third Palestinian intifada?

Internal Security Minister Avi Dichter and the intelligence assessment say no. Dichter says there is no evidence of it, and the assessment says the probability of a widespread, sustained Palestinian uprising in the West Bank is low.

But the report added an important caveat: A new intifada could erupt if Jewish extremists attack Muslim holy sites on Temple Mount or if new IDF actions in the Gaza Strip cause a high Palestinian death toll.

The fact that last week's gunman was from eastern Jerusalem has been especially concerning here. There are no barriers or checkpoints to stop Jerusalem's Arabs from crossing into western Jerusalem.

Since Israel officially annexed the eastern portion of Jerusalem in 1968, Arabs from eastern Jerusalem carry Israeli ID cards, making it easier for them than for West Bankers to slip through police or army cordons. That is why Jerusalem often is seen as a soft target for Palestinian terrorism.

On the flip side, the Palestinian standard of living in Jerusalem is higher than in the West Bank. Moreover, as Israeli residents, the Palestinian Arabs in eastern Jerusalem receive Israeli health care and unemployment services. Many are loath to put their relatively comfortable lifestyle at risk with a campaign of terrorism.

Nevertheless, 20 per cent of Jerusalem's 220,000 Palestinians have been involved directly or indirectly in terrorism, according to Israeli police sources.

The special status of Palestinian Arabs from eastern Jerusalem makes measures against would-be terrorists difficult. Dichter says he would deport to the West Bank all

Jerusalemites involved in terrorism and their accomplices. But legal experts say that, because the Arabs in eastern Jerusalem qualify as Israeli residents, Israeli law does not allow such deportations.

Danny Yatom, a member of the Labor Party and former Mossad chief, advocates building a fence between Jerusalem's Jewish and Arab neighbourhoods. But right-wing critics say that would be tantamount to acquiescing to divide Israel's capital.

In the wake of the deadly attack, the situation in Jerusalem is even more volatile due to the nature of the target.

Mercaz Harav Yeshiva, founded in 1924 by then-Chief Rabbi Avraham Isaac Hacohen Kook, is religious Zionism's most influential theological seminary. It is one of the prime sources of messianic Jewish settler ideology, which sees Jewish settlement of the West Bank and Gaza as a holy mission.

Its rabbis and students are highly critical of the Olmert government's attempts to negotiate a territorial settlement with the Palestinians, which they believe flies in the face of the divine order.

That strong anti-government sentiment was reflected in an angry confrontation with Education Minister Yuli Tamir, who was jostled and heckled when she visited the yeshiva to offer her condolences. Tamir left quickly after some students called her "murderer."

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert later was told by yeshiva leaders that he, too, would not be welcome at the school.

Israeli police fear right-wing extremists might take the law into their own hands and wreak vengeance against eastern Jerusalem's Palestinians. The police blocked right-wing activists from heading to the terrorist's mourning tent in Jabel Mukhaber.

The alienation of religious Zionists from government — both because of Olmert's willingness to negotiate with the Palestinians and perceived past government betrayals, including Ariel Sharon's withdrawal of troops from Gaza in August 2005 — have Israeli police worried about Jewish right-wing violence.

Jewish threats aside, Israeli security's main focus is on the external threats to Israel. They were summed up harshly in the intelligence assessment on Iran.

The Israeli estimate is that, without any preventative measures, Iran will be capable of producing a nuclear weapon in late 2009 or early 2010. This, the intelligence agencies agree, constitutes the gravest existential threat Israel faces.

In addressing the threat, the agencies suggest Israel is more or less on its own. They do not expect any U.S. military action against Iran, and they argue that international sanctions are having no effect on the pace of Iran's nuclear program.

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## Jewish Community Service Awards

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## Kushner looks at Conservative Judaism's challenges

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rage when something tragic has happened to them."

The book's influence is undeniable and has made Rabbi Kushner a sought-after expert on God and human suffering.

"It started a whole trend in writing," Carolyn Hessel, the director of the Jewish Book Council, said of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People*.

"I think that Rabbi Kushner was successful because he catered to everybody," she said. "He reached everybody's heart. It wasn't just the Jewish heart. He reached the heart of every human being."

Rabbi Kushner was born in Brooklyn and educated in the New York borough's public schools. After his ordination at the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in 1960, he went to court to have his military exemption waived.

For two years, he served as a military chaplain in Oklahoma before assuming his first pulpit, as an assistant rabbi at another Temple Israel, this one in Great Neck, N.Y.

Four years later, he came to Natick, where he has remained. In 1983, with his book a best-seller and demanding more of his time, Rabbi Kushner cut back to part-time at the synagogue.

Seven years later, he stepped down to devote himself fully to writing.

The congregation, believing their then-55-year-old rabbi too young to be named rabbi emeritus, made Kushner its rabbi laureate, a title held by only a handful of American spiritual leaders.

Last month, Rabbi Kushner turned his human-centered approach to the challenges facing the Conservative movement in an article, titled *Conservative Judaism in an Age of Democracy*, published in *Conservative Judaism* magazine.

An early and outspoken supporter of the new JTS chancellor, Arnold Eisen,

Rabbi Kushner told JTA that, as a sociologist, Eisen is also disposed to see Judaism through the eyes of those who actually live it and not solely from the perspective of an academic – a frequent criticism of Eisen's predecessors.

In the article, Rabbi Kushner argues that, in an era of personal autonomy, where the Jewish community lacks the ability to enforce communal standards the way it did in the shtetl, Jews must be given positive reasons to choose observance.

Conservative Judaism has withered, in part, because it still treats *mitzvot* as commandments, Rabbi Kushner said. Instead, it should mar-

ket itself as the movement that satisfies the deep human need for community and purpose.

"My seminary training was all about Jewish answers. My congregational experience has been more in terms of Jewish questions," Rabbi Kushner said. "I start with

the anguish, the uncertainty, the lack of fulfillment I find in the lives of the very nice, decent people who are in this synagogue and who are my readers. And Judaism is the answer.

"How do I live a fulfilling life is the question. Judaism is the answer."

## Israel evaluates security threats

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The assessment has a wide regional sweep, providing a country-by-country and issue-by-issue accounting of the updated "threat map" as seen by Israel's intelligence agencies.

The main points include:

- **Lebanon:** The Lebanese government is tottering and a real danger exists that Hezbollah will take over the country. If that were to happen, Israel would find itself facing a significantly enhanced Iranian forward base on its northern border. In any event, Hezbollah is preparing for another missile war against Israel, possibly on two fronts: Lebanon in the North and Gaza in the South.

- **Gaza:** Hamas is building up its rocket capacity, training personnel in Iran and preparing for a showdown with Israel.

- **West Bank:** Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas needs to be able

to show his constituency achievements on the ground, such as the removal of Israeli checkpoints, if he is to make progress in peace talks with Israel.

- **Israeli Arabs:** There is a worrying radicalization among Israeli Arabs, evident in demonstrations and stone throwing in response to Israeli military operations against Hamas rocket crews in Gaza.

- **Syria:** The regime is stable, with President Bashar Assad firmly in control.

Assad is focusing on a long-range rocket buildup in an attempt to reach a measure of strategic parity with Israel in the event of peace negotiations between the two countries.

He may be ready to break with Iran and the axis of evil in return for a peace deal with Israel that entails the return of the Golan Heights to Syria and massive U.S. economic aid.

The probability of war this year with Syria is low, even though Damascus may still seek revenge for the reported Israeli raid last September on an alleged Syrian nuclear facility.

- **Egypt, Jordan and Saudi Arabia:** Despite ongoing radicalization in the Middle East, there is no threat to the stability of these so-called moderate regimes.

Tzachi Hanegbi, the chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, described the threat map as the "most serious in Israel's history."

Still, Olmert told his Cabinet he is confident that Israel can meet whatever challenges it faces.

"We have answers for all future threats," he said.

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## Leader of Darfur project wins a \$100,000 humanitarian prize

By Tom Tugend  
LOS ANGELES (JTA) – Simple innovations sometimes lead to great rewards, as Rachel Andres learned when she was named the 2008 recipient of the \$100,000 Charles Bronfman Prize.

The annual prize is awarded to a person or team of people younger than 50 whose Jewish values spark humanitarian efforts that help improve the world.

Andres, in her work, provides succor to some of the most helpless and brutalized people in the world – 10,000 refugee families, mostly fatherless, who have escaped the massacres in Darfur.

The genocide in the Sudanese province, now in its fifth year, has claimed an estimated 200,000 to 400,000 civilians. Some 2.5 million refugees, predominantly women and children, have been displaced.

For the past two years Andres, 45, has directed the Solar Cooker Project of Jewish World Watch, which has expanded from a small Los

Angeles base to synagogues, churches, schools, Girl Scout troops, civic organizations and individual contributors across the U.S., as well as parts of Canada and Australia.

The solar cooker concept is an elegantly simple response to a terrifying fact of life facing the women and young girls in the Iridimi and Touloum refugee camps on the Sudan-Chad border.

While foraging for scarce firewood outside the camps for basic cooking and water purification, the women and girls were in constant danger of gang rapes by roving bands of Arab militiamen.

If the women could find an alternative source of heating within the camps, they could largely eliminate the assaults, reasoned Andres and her colleagues.

Her answer was a sun-powered cooker, made of cardboard and aluminum foil, at a cost of \$15 each.

Andres discovered a small Dutch company to furnish the material, which is shipped to the refugee camps. Doubling



Rachel Andres, on a trip to Chad, received the Charles Bronfman Prize for directing an initiative to help the Darfur genocide's refugees. SOURCE: Jewish World Watch

the mitzvah, the cookers are assembled in small camp plants by the women and girls older than 14, who get paid for the work and become income earners for their families.

Some 15,000 cookers have been distributed, which have also proven an environmental boon, slowing the deforestation of the region and cutting down the time women have to spend over open brick fireplaces.

Since each family needs two of the \$15 cookers, Jewish World Watch has pitched its donation appeal at \$30. More than \$1 million has been received to date from some 20,000 contributors, mainly in \$30 donations, though there have been larger gifts.

In Ottawa, Temple Israel ran a very successful drive raising \$10,000.

As Andres was talking to a reporter recently, she interrupted herself to announce jubilantly, "I just got an e-mail from the United Methodist Church in Seattle and its members are sending us \$3,200."

Dallas-born Andres has been an activist since graduating from UCLA. She credits her grandmother for her sense of Jewish responsibility toward others, regardless of race or religion.

"Bubbie left Suwalki in northern Poland in 1919 and

came to Texas," she said. "Most of her family stayed behind and 22 relatives perished in the Holocaust."

Andres said her grandmother had three sons, worked in her husband's grocery store, wrote four books of Yiddish poetry, met new immigrants at the airport and helped settle them, and was involved in the Arbeter Ring, the Workmen's Circle.

"Her legacy to me was her sense of social justice," Andres said. "She was larger than life."

In following that inspiration, Andres worked for 10 years at the Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles as the director of its Commission on Cults and Missionaries, and subsequently as a volunteer for AIDS Project Los Angeles and in various other projects, including the Museum for the History of Polish Jews.

Andres and her husband,

Ben Tysch, the chief administrator for the regional Planned Parenthood, live in Los Angeles with their two children, Ezra, 10, and Rebecca, 6. Andres serves on the board of Temple Israel of Hollywood, a Reform congregation.

Andres says she will use the \$100,000 prize money "to expand the solar cooker project to more camps and to publicize the desperate needs of the refugees."

She and her colleagues are asked sometimes why they spend their energies on the suffering in Darfur rather than focusing on specifically Jewish and Israeli concerns.

Andres agrees with the answer provided by Rabbi Harold Schulweis, the Jewish World Watch co-founder with Janice Kamenir-Resnick.

"Some people say about the Darfur genocide that it's an internal matter, that reports have been exaggerated," said Schulweis, the spiritual leader of Valley Beth Shalom in Encino. "These are the same excuses we heard during the Holocaust."

"There is always an alternative to passive complicity. If we now turn aside, that would be our deepest humiliation."

The Charles Bronfman Prize was established by the children of the Canadian philanthropist in honour of his 70th birthday.

Andres is the fourth person and the first woman to receive the prize, which will be awarded May 6 in New York.

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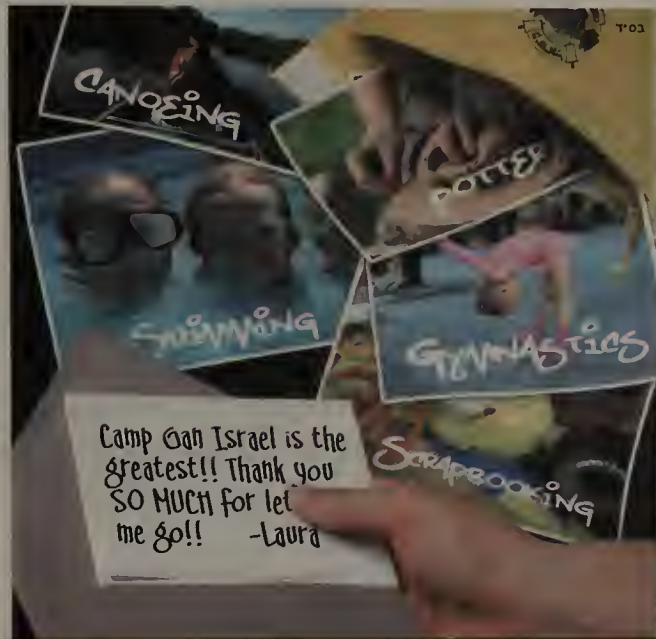
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**My father, my hero:**

## Leon Katz made an officer of Order of Canada

By Floralove Katz

One of the happiest and proudest days of my life was February 22 at Rideau Hall when I witnessed the induction of my father, Leon Katz, as an officer of the Order of Canada. Also present to witness that singular event was my mother, Ruth Gottlieb Katz, my father's steadfast partner of 58 years.

In a very real sense, Dad's life-saving contributions to all Canadians are a testimony to the driving spirit of Jewish achievement, courage and resourcefulness under duress. From his Romanian immigrant parents, Regina Fang and Harry Katz, he derived a sense of commitment to those in compromised situations. But it was his own single-minded determination that yielded the results that ultimately brought him to the Order of Canada.

Dad grew up in extreme poverty on Montreal's Duluth Street, prior to and during the Great Depression, where he suffered virulent anti-Semitism resulting in several scars on his face. On graduating from high school, he won the Silver Medal for the province of Quebec.

At 19, riveted by the unfolding developments of the Second World War, Dad volunteered for military service. He was stationed in England. His fluent German led to his being seconded to the British Army's branch of the Control Commission for Germany where he ana-



Leon Katz is inducted as an officer of the Order of Canada by Governor General Michaëlle Jean. (Photo: Eric Jolin, Rideau Hall)

lyzed and decoded documents and interviewed captured Nazi officials. After the war, he also assisted the Jewish Brigade in transporting tens of thousands of Jewish refugees onto boats destined for Palestine.

During the war, my father witnessed colossal destruction and untold human despair. Returning to Canada, he said he "felt an urgency to rebuild and to heal."

So he enrolled at McGill University - which then restricted Jewish enrolment via its infamous Jewish quota system - where he designed an unusual program pairing electri-

cal engineering with physiology.

After graduating from McGill in 1950, Dad became a Canadian pioneer in the development and growth of biomedical technology and engineering in the international medical world.

A historical convergence of circumstances helped shape my father's career. At the end of the Second World War, new technologies became available for civilian use. Transistors and other solid-state devices burst on the industrial world totally replacing arcane vacuum tubes while radioactive iso-

topes for medical purposes became available from nuclear reactors.

"I became the first user of radioactive iodine isotope, I-131, from the Chalk River reactor, for cancer detection in the thyroid," he recalled.

Another of my father's impressive accomplishments was the lucatome he developed so that groundbreaking surgeon Wilder Penfield could excise epileptic folds.

He also developed a cardio-pulmonary bypass pump.

"My challenge," he said, "was how to pump whole blood without crushing the red blood cells."

Ultimately, the ingenuity born out of his early poverty saw him link two strawberry jam pumps to other salvaged materials.

"Imagine," he said, "not only did I produce the pump, but I also served as the perfusionist in hundreds of surgeries. An engineer operating in that capacity is unheard of today."

Years later, at Health Canada, Dad and his group developed federal legislation in respect to medical devices.

"Our finding that non-sterile evacuated blood container tubes resulted in infected backflow into the patient's arm led to our Canadian standards, later adopted by Europe and the U.S. We also determined, and regulated against, the hazards associated with misconnections of lines," he said.

My father has been honoured for his achievements on a number of occasions.

In 2003, he was inducted into the Order of the Good Bear by the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario for organizing and training the coin box volunteer's committee, through which Leon and Ruth Katz and their group have raised close to \$250,000 in pennies, nickels and dimes.

In 2006, he received the Member Emeritus Award from the Canadian Medical and Biological Engineering Society and the Living Legend Award at the Congress of the World Society of Cardio-Thoracic Surgeons and was inducted into the Order of Ontario.

As he stepped forward at the Order of Canada ceremony, Dad told Michaëlle Jean that "she is one of Canada's greatest ever governors general."

Laughing as she placed the medal around his neck, Jean responded by telling him that "your contributions to all Canadians make you one of our greatest engineers."

Later that evening, showing us his medal, my father thoughtfully reflected: "I just wanted to save lives in the best way I knew how. For me, this award actually recognizes the work of all engineers in every facet of our lives. It also mirrors the many achievements of our Canadian Jewish community."

## Camp Gan Israel's summer of fun for kids two to 13

By Cynthia Nyman Engel  
For Camp Gan Israel

Ask a Camp Gan Israel (CGI) parent to describe the camp in three words and you'll hear something like "warm, welcoming, nurturing." Guaranteed.

Parents love Gan Israel almost as much as their kids do. And that's a whole lot.

"The kids are always happy and busy," says Debbie Aarenau, whose daughter Sarina, 10, and son Ariel, seven, are seasoned Gan Israel campers. "The spirit is tremendous, the programming is excellent, the Jewish content is wonderful and the staff is superb. Our kids are thrilled with the camp, and Brian and I are too."

Chabad's Camp Gan Israel is a summer day camp dedicated to enriching the lives of children from diverse Jewish backgrounds and affiliations through a stimulating camping experience. CGI of Ottawa offers a six-week program of sports, games, crafts, dramatics and

other enriching camp activities for children aged two to 13. The experienced staff works to develop skills, confidence and a sense of fair play within each child.

"Gan Israel is much more than a physical break from the school routine and winter activities," says Director Devora Caytak. "It's a comprehensive program designed to strengthen the body and soul. It provides a child with a rich and wholesome summer vacation of fun and excitement along with friendship and meaningful educational experiences."

"Our campers are imbued with a deep sense of pride in their religious heritage. Exciting hands-on activities, stories, games, challah baking, contests and Shabbat parties are all part of the unique Gan Israel experience. There is never a dull moment. Each new week focuses on a different Judaic theme that is brought to life by art projects and dress-up days."

In addition to a stimulating



Happy Gan Israel campers pose for the camera.

sports program, weekly Judaic themes are part of the unique Gan Israel experience. Combined with group discussions and educational programs, these events bring to life the beauty and values of the Jewish tradition.

"And, parents can feel secure in the knowledge that, at every age, their children are in a safe and caring environment," says Caytak.

Six-year-old Sabrina Silverstone loves the Shabbat parties and looks forward to the weekly field trip, which might include a museum or a water park.

"The campers are well looked after. The counsellors often come from large families and they're used to being around children," says Sabrina's mom, Norma Hochberg Silverstone. "They embrace the chil-

dren and the families with a nurturing that goes above and beyond. And the energy level is always high. They're always cheering and singing and happy."

Brothers Sam and Max Beutel have outgrown CGI. But now their two-year-old sister Ariella is waiting in the wings to go to Camp Izzy, as it is affectionately known.

"It's an excellent camp, really nurturing staff, lots of spirit, and lots of variety in the programs. We're looking forward to sending Ariella," says Sarah Beutel Morgan.

"The kids love the activities, the sports, the field trips," Debbie Aarenau adds. "And they love the challah-baking and all the activities related to Jewish values. At Gan Israel, the commandment of being kind to your fellow man is at the forefront of everything they do."

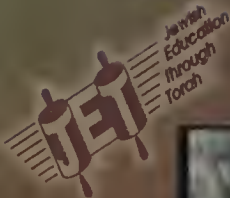
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## Israeli choreography to be performed April 8 at NAC

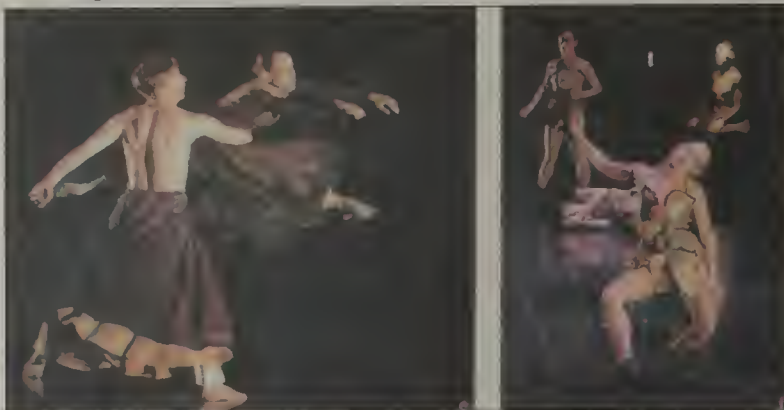
Israel at 60 cultural celebrations in Ottawa continue April 8 at the National Arts Centre when Les Grands Ballet Canadiens de Montréal, one of Canada's leading ballet companies, will perform three works by celebrated Israeli choreographer Ohad Naharin.

*Ode to Ohad* will include *Arbos*, *Kaamos* and a new work being premiered.

These works paint a fascinating and colourful portrait of Naharin, the artistic director of the Batsheva Dance Company. The works are sensual and physically superb with a natural musicality and sensitivity. They are alive with the sweeping spirit, joy and zest of bodies in motion.

*Village Voice* dance critic Deborah Jowitt said, "If you could hold one of Ohad Naharin's dances in your hand, it would feel smooth. Think of a polished stone. It looks like a piece of secret sculpture, but hurl it and it becomes a weapon."

Naharin, a contemporary dancer, choreographer and musician, is a



Scenes from dance works created by Ohad Naharin to be performed April 8 at the NAC.

pre-eminent figure in modern dance. Born in 1952 on Kibbutz Mazra, he studied at Julliard and with the Martha Graham Company and then returned to Israel to direct the Batsheva Dance Company, which was founded in 1964 by Martha Graham and Baroness Bat-

sheva de Rothschild.

In addition to Les Grands Ballet Canadiens de Montréal, Naharin's dances have been performed by the Lyon Opera Ballet, Nederlands Dans Theatre, Frankfurt Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, Rambert Dance Company and

Cedar Lake Dance Ensemble.

Les Grands Ballet Canadiens de Montréal, founded in 1957 by Ludmilla Chiriaeff, has remained loyal to the essence of classical ballet while continuing to explore new territory for dance lovers. It focuses on creativity, both in its approach to

the great classics and through new works. Throughout the 1970s and '80s Les Grands Ballet Canadiens de Montréal commissioned mostly Canadian works but expanded its repertoire in the '90s to include talented international works by choreographers such as Naharin.

Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster locations, on-line at [ticketmaster.ca](http://ticketmaster.ca) or by telephone at 613-755-1111. They are also available without service charge, in person only, at the NAC box office.

This event is one of several cultural events being held in Ottawa in celebration of Israel at 60.

Others include a gala dinner and concert by the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra at the NAC on May 20; Floralove Katz and the Ottawa Klezmer Band at the NAC Fourth Stage on May 24; and Israeli guitarist Yuval Ron and his band, Residents of the Future, at the Ottawa Jazz Festival on June 27.

Read more about these upcoming events in future editions of the *Bulletin*.

## Miami Boys Choir to perform at JUL celebration

By Jeff Scharf,  
For JET

The Miami Boys Choir (MBC) is coming to Ottawa as part of the Jewish Unity Live celebration. The April 8 event at Library and Archives Canada is a celebration of communal Torah study and, particularly, the current study project of the Ten Commandments by groups and individuals all over Ottawa.

Founded by Yerachmiel Begun in 1977, the choir is one of the most popular Jewish choral groups. They have recorded 23 albums, mostly of songs composed by Begun.

Originally from Miami, Florida, as the name suggests, Begun later relocated MBC to New York City although retaining "Miami" in the group's name.

The choir now primarily

comprises boys from the New York area. Begun holds auditions every year-and-a-half and the boys are selected on the basis of multiple factors including musical ability and other talents such as dance.

"Below the surface of the musical excitement, lies the deeper spiritual connection that we have with the music; and the boys sing with that purity, intensity and feeling. We hope to connect with the audience on that level," said Begun of what will be their Ottawa debut.

"I draw my inspiration from my Torah learning within a contemporary world," said Begun. "From there, as I teach the songs to the boys, the inspiration builds so when they sing the songs, they take on a life of their own. You can feel that heav-



The Miami Boys Choir will sing April 8 during Jewish Unity Live at Library and Archives Canada.

enly spirit. It never ceases to amaze me."

Begun is excited to join Ottawa's Jewish Unity Live. "We are very honoured to be a part of this great event."

The Jewish Unity Live evening of celebration is the culmination of a year of Torah study, involving Jews of all backgrounds and affiliations. Thousands of Jews in 10 North American cities united this year in study. The goal of Jewish Unity Live is to provide an opportunity for all Jews to come together and commemorate learning accomplishments, unity as a people and a commitment to our future.

In addition to the main Jewish Unity Live event, MBC will also perform a special concert that same

afternoon for local Jewish school children. The event at Library and Archives Canada is sponsored by Jewish Education through Torah (JET) is an opportunity for the children of the community to hear powerful Jewish songs performed live.

Guest speaker at the Jewish Unity Live celebration will be Yitza Halberstam, author of the *Small Miracles* series. JET promises an evening for the Ottawa Jewish community to celebrate with more than 10,000 others across the continent marking Jewish Unity Live 2008.



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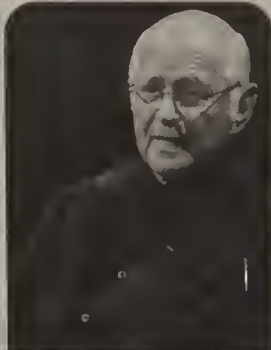
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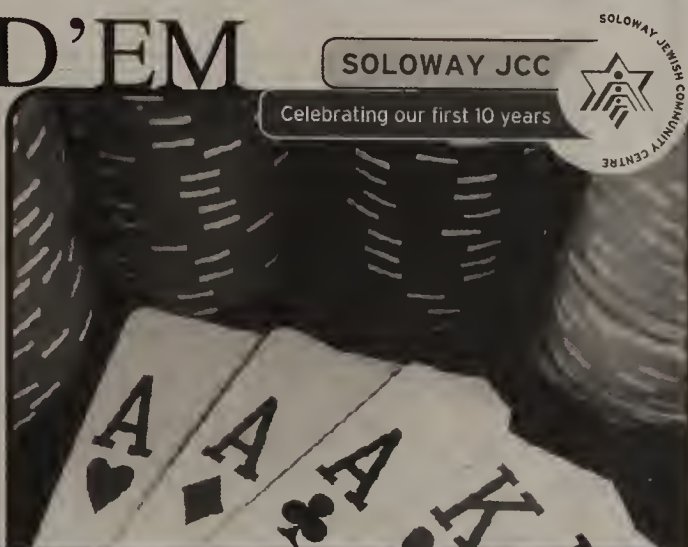
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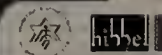
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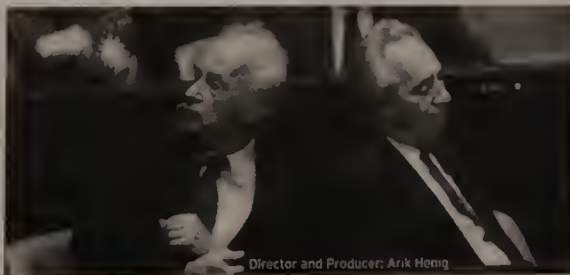
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## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE SOLOWAY JCC

In September 2008 the Soloway Jewish Community Centre will celebrate its 10th anniversary. In honour of this milestone we are putting together a commemorative book celebrating our many accomplishments and highlighting the people, like you, who help make the Soloway JCC such a special place.

As a valued member of the Soloway JCC, and someone who has been with us since we opened our doors on September 13, 1998, we would like to honour you by making you a part of this book. Please share your thoughts and stories with us, and let us know how the Soloway JCC has played a role in your life over the past 10 years.

Please send your stories and quotes to [celebrating10years@jccottawa.com](mailto:celebrating10years@jccottawa.com) by Friday March 31, or drop them off at the Soloway JCC Member & Guest Services Desk on your next visit.

**Thank you for your support during our first 10 years.**  
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## VOLUNTEER CORNER

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- **Craft club:** Can you help a few seniors work on an art project? Let us know.

- **ESL and Homework Club volunteers needed:** We are seeking volunteers to assist new Canadians with their English and to help with the homework club at the Alta Vista library. If you are interested, please let us know.

- **Home assistance:** From time to time, we get requests from a seniors to find someone to help them de-clutter their homes. We are looking for volunteers to assist us with this. If you have some time and like to organize things, this opportunity could be for you.

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## The Jewish roots of New York punk rock

*The Heebie-Jeebies at CBGB's:  
A Secret History of Jewish Punk*

By Steven Lee Beeber  
Chicago Review Press  
Hardcover, 2006  
Paperback, 2008  
259 pages

"Punk is Jewish," claims author Steven Lee Beeber. He's not kidding. Beeber certainly makes a strong case for his opening statement in this entertaining and well-researched book about a musical style that was humorous and ironic; and preoccupied with Nazism.

Punk, writes Beeber, was started by a bunch of Jewish New York kids and encouraged in its expression at a venue owned by a classically trained violinist. Talk about opposites attracting. Punk was a music scene that drew outsiders who lived in what Beeber calls the *shetlets* of New York, that mecca for Jews escaping Eastern Europe. Outsiders like Lou Reed, Lenny Kaye of the Patti Smith Group, Helen Wheels, Joey and Tommy Ramone, Richard Hell and Malcolm McLaren, to name a few.

Why would Jews be drawn to this intimidating, hipster scene?

Beeber explains: "Punk reflects the whole Jewish history of oppression and uncertainty, flight and wandering, belonging and not belonging, always being divided, being both in and out, good and bad, part and apart. The *shpilkes*, the nervous energy, of punk is Jewish." Beeber points out that the punk originators in New York were a gentler bunch than their more hardcore successors in England and in other parts of the United States.

While Beeber also points out that heavy metal had its fair share of Jews – Geddy Lee of Rush, Scott Ian (Rosenfeld) of Anthrax, Gene Simmons (Chaim Witz) and Paul Stanley (Stanley Harvey Eisen) of Kiss, and Jay Jay French



## Book Beat

Kinneret Globerman

(John Segal) of Twisted Sister, perhaps the topic for his next book – he presents an earnest case for punk as being a Jewish rock movement.

The book is an interesting mix of interviews (Beeber interviewed more than 125 people related, somehow, to the punk industry), cultural references and musical context.

With a healthy sense of humour, he takes us through the world of punk, analyzing what made it tick, why the fascination with Nazi imagery (not to glorify it, he says, but to show that the Jews were the victors now, a way of thumbing their fingers at their oppressors), the musicians and the managers.

The book has some great black and white pictures of scenesters like the Ramones, Richard Hell, Chris Stein and Debbie Harry, Danny Fields and others.

The title of the book comes from Little Richard's song, "Heebie Jeebies," and from the name of the recently closed, iconic Jewish-owned club, CBGB.

Hillel "Hilly" Kristal, who trained as a concert violinist, managed the Village Vanguard, a jazz club in New York's Greenwich Village, before deciding to open his own club on the Lower East Side in 1973. He had intended to showcase country (C), bluegrass (BG) and blues (B), popular genres in the Village at the time.

Things did not unfold as planned, though, and because there weren't many venues in the city where punk bands could play, Kristal opened the doors of his club to them. There was one proviso though: the bands had to play their own original music.

And so, without asking them to audition, Kristal gave bands like the Ramones, Television, the Patti Smith Group and Blondie a venue in their early days. CBGB survived at 315 Bowery for 33 years before closing its doors as a result of a long dispute with the building's landlord – the Bowery Resident's Committee, an aid group for the homeless in New York – over unpaid rent

## Used book sale on Walkathon day

The Hillel Academy PTA is partnering with the Jewish Federation of Ottawa and Soloway Jewish Community Centre Walkathon to create a community-wide fundraising event for the school.

On Sunday, June 1, before, during and after the Walkathon, the Hillel Academy PTA will host its inaugural Used Book Sale in the Hillel Academy gymnasium.

Organizers Marie Levine and Iris Arnon say the major fundraising event is open to the Jewish community and everyone is encouraged to donate books in advance and purchase them on Walkathon day.

Says Levine, "We are collecting books from all categories: mystery, romance, general fiction, children's and teen fiction, and non-fiction too. Anything goes." Organizers promise to price to sell. "Even if you only bring 50 cents, you should be able to walk away with a book," says Arnon.

Volume and selection are keys to the event's success. So, if your Passover/

spring clutter-busting includes getting rid of used books, then the Hillel Academy PTA wants to hear from you.

Contact Iris Arnon at [iris@rooneyrving.ca](mailto:iris@rooneyrving.ca) or Marie Levine at 613-828-7701 or [levinemc@rogers.com](mailto:levinemc@rogers.com). Or watch for the drop-off box in the front

lobby of the Soloway JCC.

Hillel Academy parents will get a sneak peek and head start on May 30 when they will be allowed to purchase books during regular school hours.

The book sale opens to the community on Walkathon day, Sunday, June 1.

## AJA 50+ brings comedy play

By Estelle Melzer

Montreal playwright and actress Gissa Israel presents her play, *Treadmill*, a comedy about survival and hope in the midst of adversity, about letting in the light and joy of living, on Sunday, April 6 at 1:30 pm at the Soloway Jewish Community Centre.

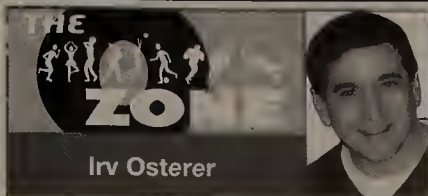
Israel began her career as a teacher and later became a psychotherapist. She has also been involved in theatre from an early age, has written numerous plays and performed at the Montreal Fringe Festival and at the Eastern Townships Tour des Arts. Her recent

plays include *Girl, That's What I Call Myself These Days* and *Ma, Where Are You?*

She also has written a *Durga* series of fictional radio dramas and has been a storyteller for both adults and children. Israel is currently working on a new play called *Paradoxes and Contrasts*.

The play is a program of Active Jewish Adults 50+ (AJA 50+). Everyone is welcome to attend and tickets (\$10) are available from Flo Morgan at 613-224-8286. Tickets will also be available at the door.





Irv Osterer

### Tamir Goodman returns to the U.S.

After serving in the army and playing five pro seasons in Israel, Tamir Goodman has decided to return home. The Maryland Nighthawks of the recently formed 10-team Premier Basketball League (PBL) offered Goodman a chance to return to play in front of family and friends. It was an offer he could not refuse.

Goodman starred at Baltimore's Talmudical Academy and at Takoma Academy before earning a full scholarship to the University of Maryland. Now married with two children, Goodman averaged 20 points a game for Maccabi Shoham, a second division club, and battled the injury bug throughout his stint in Israel.

The 25-year-old, a 6' 3 1/2" point guard, will not compete on Shabbat. The PBL has told Goodman that none of the Nighthawks home games will conflict with the Sabbath, and it will make appropriate arrangements for road games.



Samantha Cogan

### AA hockey star Samantha Cogan skates with the boys

An O-Zone tap on the shin pads to Samantha Cogan, daughter of Heather and Don Cogan, who is skating for the Boy's Competitive Major Atom AA Ottawa Sting. Last year, with the Golden Knights, Sam scored 75 goals in 70 games and was the first female to be awarded team MVP honours. The 5', 85 lb, 10-year-old centre shoots left and wears number 17 for the Sting. Cogan hopes to make an Olympic appearance for Canada one day.

### Stouffville stars

Ethan Werek and Daniel Spivak are key performers for the Tier II Junior A Stouffville Spirit. Both have played for the Israeli Nats and have also worn Canadian jerseys in significant hockey tournaments this season.

Werek has played on Israel's U18 team. He was a member of Canada East's Silver Medal team in the 2007 World Junior A Challenge held in Nelson, BC and was on Ontario's Gold Medal team at the prestigious World U17 Hockey Challenge. Werek was one of only two players selected for this elite team not skating in the OHL. Although drafted by the Kingston Frontenacs, he plans to play hockey with Boston College in 2008-09.

Daniel Spivak has already played in three IIHF World

Championships for the Israeli National Team. He skated with the Israeli side at the Spartak Invitational Tournament in Moscow in 2006 and in the World Jewish Hockey Tournament in July 2007. Closer to home, Daniel won a silver medal with Team Canada East in the World Junior A Challenge. The Thornhill native is currently an assistant captain with the Spirit.



Ron Soreanu

### Israel at the World Hockey Championships

The Senior Nats, coached by former Habs bench boss Jean Perron, will be heading to Miercurea Ciuc, Romania to compete in the Division II Group B World Championships April 7-13. Israel will face opponents from Belgium, Bulgaria, Ireland, Romania and Serbia. The O-Zone and its readers send good luck wishes to Ottawa resident and 12-year veteran Israel Assistant Captain Ron Soreanu.

Israel's U18 team will be playing against teams from Hungary, Spain, Great Britain, Estonia and Romania. The tournament will take place from March 23 to 29, in Tallin, Estonia. Most of Israel's U18 players were billeted with Jewish families in Ottawa when the team visited the nation's capital in October.

### More Jewish OHLers

When London traded goalie Stéve Mason while he was busy stopping pucks during the World Junior Championships, the Knights filled the vacant roster spot with overage junior Jhase Sniderman. Sniderman, who played previously in the OHL for Jewish GM Sherrie Bassin in Erie and in the "Q" under New York Islander coach Ted Nolan in the 2005-06 Memorial Cup for Moncton, was attending Waterloo University when the call came to resume his OHL career.

Also worth mentioning is Jesse Hebscher, a tough defenceman wearing number 23 for the 2007-08 Sudbury Wolves. Hebsie is no relation to the broadcaster!

### Himelfarb and Pecker chase pucks in Switzerland

Two Jewish hockey players who had brief stints with the Ottawa Senators organization find themselves teammates on the Lausanne Lions in the Swiss B League. The Lions are owned by Jewish businessman Barry Alter.

Thornhill's Eric Himelfarb attended the Sens training camp in Hull four years ago, and came close to gaining a birth on their AHL team. After a great pro debut with the Red Wing's AHL affiliate in Grand Rapids, Himelfarb was hit hard by the injury bug. He signed with Lausanne for the 2007-08 season and, in spite of a testy ankle, finished 12th in

league scoring with 24 goals and 45 assists.

Montreal's Corey Pecker was the youngest member of the gold medal winning 1997 Canadian hockey team at the Maccabiah Games and made a Memorial Cup All Star appearance with the Erie Otters in 2001-02. After signing with Anaheim and spending a few seasons with the Cincinnati Ducks, Pecker ended up in Phoenix where he was an ECHL All Star, before returning to the AHL's Binghamton Senators. While with Binghamton, Pecker attended the Ottawa Senator's training camp in 2006 and played in several exhibition games at Scotia Bank Place. Pecker had a huge season with Lausanne, scoring 41 goals and counting 45 assists for second place in the league scoring race.

Both players have enjoyed their stay in Europe and plan on returning next year, but, in all likelihood, will play in the Swiss "A" Division or the DEL in Germany.

### Maislin steps down

Alan Maislin, the driving force behind Israel's hockey success, has stepped down from his position as chairman of the Israel Ice Hockey Federation. Maislin's successor, Toronto's Syd Greenberg, did a terrific job organizing the World Jewish Hockey Tournament held in Metulla last summer. A *Yasher Koach* to Alan for all the great work he did on behalf of Israel's National hockey teams.

### Trevor Smith – AHL rookie of the month

The American Hockey League announced that Bridgeport Sound Tigers centre Trevor Smith was named the Rbk Edge/AHL rookie of the month for February. Smith tallied eight goals and seven assists for 15 points in 13 games for the Sound Tigers last month. Trevor is the son of Harvey Smith, who called Ottawa home a number of years ago before moving to Vancouver. Smith signed as a free agent with the New York Islanders after two seasons at the University of New Hampshire, where he was an NCAA East Second Team All-American last year.



Trevor Smith

### Snowboarding/skiing

SJCC Athletic Director Jon Braun reports another successful Sunday JCC Skiing and Snowboarding Club at Edelweiss Valley. This dynamic and popular winter activity has been serving our community for more than 20 years. The conditions were amazing this season with eight Sundays of beautiful weather. JB looks forward to seeing everybody back on the hill next winter.

### SJCC hoops

The SJCC Men's Basketball League is approaching the playoffs. It's been a very competitive year. With 12 wins, Captain Dave Feldberg's Team White has a slim lead over Black for top spot. Parity is what the JMBL is all about as four teams remained tied for third place. Stay tuned. Anything can happen in the playoffs!

### Mazal Tov Lianne!

Congratulations to elite gymnast and current A Channel sports anchor and reporter Lianne Lang and her husband Tony Harris on the birth of Jamie, their second child. Lianne represented Canada at the Maccabiah Games in Israel and attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst on an athletic scholarship.

Lang has been active supporting the Snow Suit Fund, Hockey Stars for Hope, the Pink Army against Breast Cancer, the annual SJCC Celebrity Sports Dinner and other local charities.



## Original sin: the devil made them do it

You've got to feel sorry for the devil or, as we call him, Satan. This is a guy who is a devoted public servant doing what is basically a thankless task.

His job, from the beginning, has been to act as the heavenly prosecutor of human beings accused of transgressions. Now this is a necessary function. He's not really a bad person. Well, OK, he's not really a person at all. Think of Sam Waterston, the district attorney on *Law and Order*, as an analogy. He's a hard-working stiff, working for the public good. Sometimes, he even shows a sardonic sense of humour.

But imagine his situation just after the creation of humanity. Here he is, a prosecutor, trying to carry out his mandate of proving that the first humans are guilty of something when, in fact, they could never be guilty of anything.

You see, when God created human beings, he gave them the gift of innocence and purity and, simultaneously, freedom of choice. But this was a catch-22 for the prosecutor. No matter what they chose to do, they were completely unaware that their actions had any moral implications. Since they had no clue about right or wrong, they were incapable of forming what we call, in common law, "guilty intent."

What a hopeless situation for the lead prosecutor! No matter how often Adam and Eve transgressed, they would get off, because, by definition, they were innocent.

Satan was getting really depressed. He was starting to feel his job would not really lead to any results. As he had the job



### Humour me, please

Rubín Friedman

for eternity, this did not seem like a pleasant prospect.

Then an idea started to form. And, as the idea was actually God's, Satan felt very comfortable in suggesting it. Why not give the humans a test? They could eat of every fruit, except not of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. It would then be his job to tempt them and prosecute them if they transgressed.

Of course, this test had a hidden agenda. By ensuring a fruit was involved, Satan's job would no longer be fruitless, but rather, fruitful.

In addition, once Adam and Eve ate of the fruit of that tree, they would then possess the potential to be guilty of something because they would then know the difference between right and wrong. If they did not eat of it, they would be innocent forever and Satan would have to take up some time-consuming hobby like folk dancing or knitting. The stakes for the Satan were very high.

So Satan concocted an intricate scheme where he would take the form of a snake. This was no easy task as the snake had no hands, so his efforts at seduction could be neither *dexterous* nor *sinister*.

Satan had to be a good court lawyer and his powers of persuasion had to be great to qualify for the job of prosecutor. He put all of his rhetorical tricks into this one supreme effort.

The upshot of this drama was that Adam and Eve acquired the capacity of guilt, which they had not had before they had eaten the fruit. But, they were not guilty of anything other than eating the fruit. Remember, they did not know it was wrong before they ate it.

Their common crime was blaming someone else for their actions. With their new consciousness, both Adam and Eve started to feel guilty for disobeying a law and, instead of telling the truth, they each tried to mitigate their responsibility by blaming someone else.

"The woman made me do it," said Adam.

"The snake made me do it," said Eve.

Perhaps even God realized that, without moral knowledge, human beings could never be held accountable for their actions. He even came to appreciate Satan's contribution and gave him a raise.

And what is the moral of this story? It shows what a devoted and persuasive public servant can accomplish even when the government has given him an impossible mandate.

## The lessons of Purim for adults

*Megillot Esther* is unusual in the Hebrew Bible. It is a short novella, an Oriental romance in the genre of Scheherazade. The undoing of the villain, Haman, who seeks to annihilate the Jews, occurs through a string of coincidences. Considering the Book of Esther solely as narrative, it seems to be tailor-made for a Hollywood film fantasy.

But to read the story only for its narrative is a mistake. The Purim story is much deeper than it appears to be. Three aspects of the surface story require a more focused reading.

First, is the absence of God more apparent than real? Second, is its only practical lesson that Jew-haters, like Haman, can and will rise to power even when Jews are enjoying good

relations with their neighbors? Finally, should we be horrified by the *take no prisoners* conclusion, when the Persian Jews, by warrant of King Achashverosh, massacre their enemies?

To understand the apparent absence of God in the story you have to read it in the light of clues offered by literary history and rabbinic tradition.

Esther is in the same literary tradition as the books of Jonah and Job, which were also written after the experience of Persian dominance. In the other two books, God does appear. God tells both Jonah and Job that their reasoning cannot fathom the why and how of God's actions or behaviour. Job ends by his accepting that his efforts to understand what is happening to him are futile, and that he will no longer engage in speculation. Esther should be read in a similar light.

The rabbis complement this in their interpretation of Haman.

Haman, fully described, is Haman the Agagite, a descendant of Agag, king of the Amalekites, the archetypal enemy who seeks the complete destruction of the Jews.

Haman casts lots (*purim*) to determine, by pure chance, the most auspicious date for carrying out his intended genocide. This action points to the ideology of the Amalekites: that they did not believe in God or any system of universal order, but act as if everything happens by random chance with no restraints on human ambition or malice. It is fitting that the story of their undoing teaches that even chance events show God's order and justice.

In discussing Jewish experience in the diaspora, going back to the Babylonian exile, Ruth Wisse, in *Jews and Power*, certainly accepts the idea of a succession of Hamans who oppress the Jews and plot their annihilation. But, essentially, she sees the Mordecai-Esther story as a practical lesson for Jews who survive, without direct power, by "participating in ... the authority of an alien government in ensuring their own vital interest, and in this case, their lives." Wisse sees Mordecai as teaching a key lesson that "because Jewish interests are subject to unforeseeable threats ... Mordecai must protect the government that protects him."

My third example comes from the conclusion of David



### Global Shtetl The Jewish Internet

Saul Silverman

Plotz's reading of the Book of Esther in Slate's series of essays on the books of the Hebrew Bible.

Plotz is shocked by the massacres of the enemies of the Jews. He says that his childhood memories of what he heard on Purim didn't say anything about this. That is, indeed, the problem with the simplistic reading: Purim is seen as a holiday for children and which needs to be interpreted to suit contemporary political correctness. Without saying so, Plotz, writing in today's America, reads back into the story the notion of proportionality. He doesn't conceive of the possibility that Haman's *storm troopers* had openly prepared for the intended genocide, had declared themselves as enemies of the Jews, and, in fact, were legitimate targets of unrestricted Jewish defense.

As the text states, "the Jews mustered in their cities to attack those who sought their hurt." Whether those declared enemies actively attacked at that moment, or were laying low after their leader had been executed, was entirely irrelevant to the right and duty of self-defence under the circumstances of apprehended genocide for which sufficient evidence existed.

#### Websites

Megillot Esther (with links to Rashi's commentaries): [tinyurl.com/2jvqav](http://tinyurl.com/2jvqav)

One Night with the King (Hollywood film): [tinyurl.com/y5fbq6](http://tinyurl.com/y5fbq6)

Haman (Jewish Encyclopedia): [tinyurl.com/2unvel](http://tinyurl.com/2unvel)

A Tale of Two Megillot: [tinyurl.com/336g61](http://tinyurl.com/336g61)

Scott Medintz interview with Ruth Wisse: [tinyurl.com/34s6jr](http://tinyurl.com/34s6jr)

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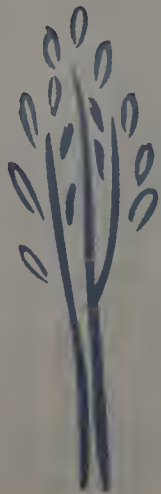
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### My TV addiction

When I sat down to write this week's *Bulletin* column, I opened up my 'Columns' file under 'My Documents' and was shocked to discover that this will be my 100th column for the *Bulletin*.

When I started, I could not imagine having enough to say to fill 10 columns. Yet, here it is, more than five years later, and I'm still finding lots to say about food.

People often ask me where I get my ideas.

It helps that I am passionate about food. I wake up in the morning thinking about food and it's usually the last thing on my mind before falling asleep.

I am constantly reading cookbooks and food magazines. And yes, I admit, I'm addicted to the Food Network on TV. I get some of my greatest inspiration from watching my favourite chefs.

My daughter and I like to watch the Food Network together. Some parents bond with their kids over sports. We bond over food.

One of our favourite chefs is Jamie Oliver. I suspect my daughter likes him because he is very cute and has an adorable British accent.

His new show is *Jamie at Home*. It is Oliver at his best, cooking at home with simple, accessible ingredients, including fruits and vegetables that he recently started to grow in his own garden. Each week is themed around one primary ingredient. The episode we watched recently featured summer brassicas (cauliflower and broccoli).

We watched in awe as he created a cauliflower and broccoli cannelloni. Unlike traditional cannelloni, which is filled with a meat and cheese mixture, this one is filled with puréed vegetables.

It looked so delicious that we were determined to recreate it. Luckily, we had recorded the show and rewound and fast-forwarded the episode many times until we thought we had it just right.

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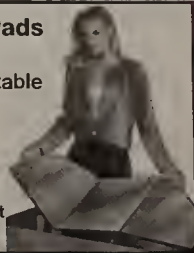
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### Cauliflower and Broccoli Cannelloni

Serves 6

While this recipe has many steps, it is perfect for entertaining. It can be made early in the day, refrigerated and then baked just before serving.

The recipe calls for anchovy paste, but even if you don't like anchovies, don't leave it out. It adds a depth of flavour that you can't get from anything else. The finished dish will not taste fishy, I promise.

- 1 large head cauliflower, cut into florets
- 1 large head broccoli, cut into florets  
and stems sliced into 1-inch pieces
- 7 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves, finely chopped
- 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon anchovy paste
- 1/3 cup 2% milk

- 1 24-ounce jar tomato sauce
- 1 teaspoon red wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- 2 cups 2% or homogenized milk, heated
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

- 1 250-gram box oven-ready cannelloni

- 24 fresh whole basil leaves
- 1 ball buffalo mozzarella cheese, thinly sliced  
(or 2 cups regular mozzarella, grated)
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add cauliflower and broccoli and cook for about 7 minutes, until quite tender.

While vegetables are boiling, heat a large sauté pan over medium heat. Add olive oil and garlic and sauté for 2 minutes. Add chopped thyme, red pepper flakes and anchovy paste and continue cooking over low heat until anchovy pastes melts into oil, about another 2 to 3 minutes.

Drain cauliflower and broccoli and add to sauté pan with garlic mixture. Add 1/4 cup water, cover pan and cook mixture over high heat for about 8 to 10 minutes



until vegetables are quite soft and mushy.

Add 1/3 cup milk to vegetables. Using a potato masher, mash vegetables until quite smooth, with just a few lumps. Set mixture aside to cool.

Mix tomato sauce, red wine vinegar and salt together and pour mixture into a 9 x 13 inch glass or ceramic baking dish. Set aside.

Make the cheese sauce. Melt the butter in a heavy-bottomed saucepan. Stir in flour and cook, stirring constantly, until paste cooks and bubbles a bit, but don't let it brown, about 2 minutes. Add the hot milk, continuing to stir as the sauce thickens. Bring it to a boil. Add salt and pepper; lower the heat and cook, stirring for 2 to 3 minutes more. Add 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese and stir until melted. Remove from heat. Cover surface of sauce with waxed paper to prevent a skin from forming and set aside.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Transfer puréed cauliflower-broccoli mixture into a zip-loc bag. Cut corner off bag and use as a piping bag to fill cannelloni tubes. Transfer filled cannelloni into 9 x 13 inch pan you prepared earlier with tomato sauce. You should be able to fit about 24 tubes into baking dish. Cover cannelloni with cheese sauce. Lay basil leaves over cheese sauce. Cover with mozzarella and then grated Parmesan cheese. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes until top of casserole is golden brown and bubbling.

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# Pesach part 1: Enriching the Passover experience

According to Rabbi Michael Strassfeld of the Society for the Advancement of Judaism, and a pulpit rabbi at a Reconstructionist synagogue in Manhattan, one of the main purposes of the Pesach seder is "to provoke the curiosity of children."

Why? Because it gets children involved in a key aspect of the seder, the asking and answering of questions.

Presumably, getting young children involved in the seder is also one of the purposes of the numerous Passover *chachkas* that grace the aisles of the kosher section at Loblaw's: finger puppets, colouring books, plague masks, models of frogs, etc.

Unfortunately, I don't find those items especially interesting or useful beyond their novelty value.

What I do find exciting, however, are picture books like the following two that can be used creatively at the seder to enrich the Passover experience for young and old alike.

## *Had Gadya: A Passover Song*

Paintings by Seymour Chwast

Afterword by Rabbi Michael Strassfeld

Roaring Brook Press – paperback edition 2008

Unpaged. Ages 4 and up

The hardcover edition of *Had Gadya: A Passover Song* made its appearance in 2005 to rave reviews. Excerpts from those reviews cited on the back cover of the paperback edition praise artist Seymour Chwast's "whimsical and powerful" paintings for each verse of the cumulative folk song that ends the seder.

But Chwast does more than that by adding two kinds of context to the song.

First, the characters, human and animal, are placed in an eastern European shtetl, with both farm and village locals, including a girl and boy who appear in each picture. In effect, they are learning about life's hardships.

Second, Chwast, by continuing his paintings beyond the text of the song (i.e., beyond God destroying the Angel of Death), is, in effect, adding the cycle of life. It's sort of like the symbolism of the egg on the seder tableau: life eternal. Candles are lit, the seder is held and the last verse of *Had Gadya* is reprised in Hebrew with a joyous circle dance.

Rabbi Strassfeld's two-page endnote for adults explains the history and possible meaning of the song. It also indicates the song's symbolic connection to the Passover story, to Jewish history and to the overall theme of the seder: deliverance, thanks only to God.



## Kid Lit

Deanna Silverman

In addition to the Hebrew reprise, an English translation of the Aramaic text is used and a musical score is provided.

The concept of the song is maintained by the cumulative addition of the goat, cat, dog, stick, fire, water, ox, butcher, Angel of Death and God's power to the top of each scene ending with the goat's original owner, the goat and finally father and the goat.

Portraying a rather grim folk song featuring destruction of various kinds, *Had Gadya: A Passover Song*, is a lively, occasionally humorous, book with a surprisingly happy ending. Understood this way, it makes for a truly raucous, affirmative ending to the seder. Super!

## *Let My People Go!*

By Tilda Balsley

Illustrated by Ilene Richard

Kar-ben Publishing 2008

Unpaged. Ages 4 and up

*Let My People Go* is the story of the plagues told in rickling rhyme enhanced by lively, comedic and boldly coloured pictures. The book is written as a reader's theatre script with the text color coded so that the designated actor or groups of actors can easily read (or recite) their parts. It would be a fun addition to a classroom model seder or to the real thing in a family setting with young children.

There are five designated roles: narrator, Moses, Pharaoh, Egyptians and chorus. The narrator reads the bulk of the story, with the others chiming in with shorter parts on each page. The chorus role requires the least reading skill but great exuberance. It can safely be given to the younger children at the seder.

With little practice, the actors can maintain the lilt of the rhyme and the drama of the story. What a clever, inventive idea. *Let My People Go* will be a most welcome addition to any seder experience



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Mazal Tov to Toronto lawyer, artist and writer Richard Unger who received the 2007 National Jewish Book Award for Illustrated Children's Books for *Ever Higher*, published by Tundra Books. I reviewed the book in this space in the September 3, 2007 edition of the *Bulletin*.

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### WEEKLY EVENTS SUNDAYS

Mini-course: *A Glimpse into Yiddish Culture in Canada from 1900 to Today*. Week 2 and 3 of 3-week session. 10:30 am - 12:00 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 254.

### TUESDAYS

Stitch un Kvell, a new seniors' craft group, sponsored by Jewish Family Services. 2255 Carling Avenue, Suite 301, 10:00 am. Info: 613-722-2225, ext. 325.



### CANDLELIGHTING BEFORE

Mar 28 ☆ 7:08 pm  
Apr 4 ☆ 7:17 pm

Israeli Folkdancing, no experience or partner necessary. Hillel Academy, 31 Nadolny Sachs Private, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-729-2090.

### MONDAY, MARCH 24

Daniel Pipes, Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre, National Arts Centre, Panorama Room, 53 Elgin Street, 7:00 pm. RSVP: 1-866-864-9735, ext. 29.

### MARCH 26 to 30

"Fiddler on the Roof," performed by the Greely Players, Greely Community Centre, 1448 Meadow Drive, Greely. Info: 613-821-4107.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 27

Topics in Modern Jewish History, sponsored by the Ottawa College of Jewish Studies, Rabbi Ely Braun, 12:15 pm. Info: 613-261-2498.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Discussion of Yiddish folksong "Oin Pripitchik" by Dr. Roz

Schwartz, as an example of the emphasis on education and learning in Jewish culture. Sponsored by Machson Tzvi Hersh Charity Organization. Evening program. Info: 613-722-2813 for location.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30

The Jerusalem Lyric Trio, Temple Israel presents a musical celebration in honour of Israel's 60th anniversary. Auditorium, Library and Archives Canada, 395 Wellington Street, 2:00 pm. Tickets: 613-224-1802.

Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament (age 19+), sponsored by Soloway Jewish Community Centre, in support of the Send a Kid to Camp Program, 6:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 225.

Strategies for Living, sponsored by Machson Tzvi Hersh Charity Organization. Practical hands-on techniques for re-framing challenging life situations as opportunities for growth, 1:00 pm. Info: 613-722-2813 for location.

Skateboarding Rabbi, with pro skateboarder Shmuel Kardash, sponsored by Chabad of Centrepoinle, for ages 7-14, Skateboard Park, Centrepoinle Drive, 1:30 pm. Info: 613-594-4900.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1

A.J. Jacobs, author of "The Year of Living Biblically," live from satellite from New York's 92nd Street "Y," presented by Hapoel Athletic, Cultural and Educational Club and Soloway JCC. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 271.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 3

The Kibbitz Club, sponsored by Congregation Beth Shalom and Jewish Family Services, talk by Artist Fortunée Shugar, Congregation Beth Shalom, noon. Info: 613-789-3501, ext. 223.

Hillel-arious Yuk-Yuk's Comedy Night, in support of Hillel Academy. Centrepoinle Chamber, Ben Franklin Place, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-722-0800.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

"Treadmill," a one-woman show about survival and hope,

sponsored by Active Jewish Adults 50+, 1:30 pm. Info: 613-594-3330.

## COMING SOON

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Jewish Unity Live, presented by JET at Archives and Library Canada, 395 Wellington, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 247.

A Portrait of Israeli Choreographer Ohad Naharin, featuring "Les Grands Ballets Canadiens de Montréal," sponsored by "Israel at 60," National Arts Centre, 8:00 pm. Tickets: 613-755-1111.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10

3rd Annual Shalom Bayit Women's Seder, sponsored by Jewish Family Services. Shalom Bayit seeks to inform, educate, provide resources and raise awareness about domestic abuse. Agudath Israel Congregation, 1400 Coldrey, 6:00 pm. Info: 613-722-2225.

"Rabin-Peres: Everything is Personal," film screening followed by discussion led by Professor Mira Sucharov, presented by Vered Israel Cultural and Educational Program and Soloway JCC, 7:30 pm. Info: 613-798-9818, ext. 243.

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

Yom HaShoah 2008, Ottawa Holocaust Commemoration, sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Ottawa, 7:00 pm. Info: 613-798-4696, ext. 255.

Unless otherwise noted, activities take place at The Joseph and Rose Ages Family Building, 21 Nadolny Sachs Private.

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